



THE WEATHER: Moderate gusty E. S. E. winds, becoming light to variable later tonight. Fair this afternoon, becoming more cloudy later.

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## Comment Of The Day

### Growing Pains

1958 Hongkong's history as another year in which the problems of the future have called for huge effort and expenditure. The recent past has stressed the need to keep several jumps ahead of a population that has surely grown faster in the last 10 years than anywhere else in the world — and continues to grow alarmingly: this is our big obsession. To feed, clothe, house, employ, and digest humanity at this rate has been a formidable problem. To plan ahead as well has caused severe strains.

Hongkong's greatest disadvantage is its confined area and unhelpful terrain. Part of the difficulty has been solved by building upwards instead of outwards but the cost of reclaiming land, sinking foundations and heaving sites out of hills makes most new ventures expensive and troublesome and the never-ending demands for more land are testing the enterprise of our planners.

THE new runway is surely one of the most excellent examples of ingenuity and resourcefulness. It is not unique in similar strip was built in war-time (Gibraltar) but its adaptation for Hongkong to solve the difficulty that Kai Tak and its tight ring of surrounding hills presented to the jet age, is typical of the way our planners are getting around the problems presented either by the topography of our land or its layout.

Another project distinctly forward-looking is the new reservoir at Shek Pik. Tai Lam Chung has only recently been completed but water figures for the last five years show the likely trend of consumption in the next decade. Shek Pik is a splendid valley yet it is not good reservoir land. The sub-surface is porous and at considerable cost has to be impregnated with clay cement. And we are no sooner disposing of \$220 million on this scheme than the experts are again thinking ahead, this time of fresh water lakes in Tolo harbour.

THIS year a truly heroic effort has been made with the primary school programme. School construction in the coming year plans to provide 80,000 new places when only a year ago, 33,000 were envisaged. Lack of suitable land and site difficulties were obstacles conquered by the Education Department and the P.W.D. And this truly sensational breakthrough in our aim to give every Hongkong child a basic education is typical of the marvels this year has produced.

Here then are three outstanding examples of how Government is setting about providing for the future. It deserves credit as much for its foresight as its enterprise. And for something else as well as faith in the future. The shocks of 1958, particularly the Quomoy brink of September make for widespread uneasiness which is difficult to allay. There are signs all round of caution and a spreading of local interests abroad. Hongkong people need to be constantly assured that Government believes in our future and the most tangible way is vigorous and comprehensive term development. Hongkong must justify its own existence. This must again be our endeavour in the coming year.

## 44-YEAR-OLD CHINESE MARITIME MILLIONAIRE LOSES SUIT \$6m ORDER AGAINST HK MAN

### U.S. Freighters Sold To Chinese Reds

San Francisco, Dec. 30. The U. S. Government won a judgment today for U.S. \$1,027,000 (about HK\$6 million) damages against T. Y. Fong (44), Chinese maritime millionaire, in connection with the sale of American freighters to the Chinese Communists.

### The Defiant Ones'—Best Movie Of '58

New York, Dec. 30. New York film critics today chose "The Defiant Ones" as the best movie of 1958.

The movie also took two other awards in various daily newspapers. Its director, Stanley Kramer, who also produced it, was voted the best director of the year for that movie. The scenario, written by Nathan E. Douglas and Harold Jacob Smith, was judged the best screen play of the year.

The picture, released by United Artists, starred Sidney Poitier and Tony Curtis. In the role of two convicts fleeing from a prison in the South.

Susan Hayward won the best actress award for her portrayal of a woman doomed to execution in Walter Wagner's "Wanted To Live".

David Niven was named the best actor of the year for his role as a bogus major in "Separate Tables," a Hecht-Hill-Lancaster production for United Artists release.

The award of best foreign film went to "My Uncle," a French import produced, written and directed by and starring Jacques Tati.—U.P.I.

**FIGHT TO SAVE 12-OUNCE GLORIA ENDS**  
Chicago, Dec. 30. Twelve-ounce Gloria Hansen died today. If she had lived would have equaled the record for the smallest baby to survive. Gloria died even as hopes for her survival rose. Doctors had succeeded in getting nourishment into her tiny body for the first time, overcoming a major obstacle in their struggle to keep alive the flickering spark of life.

But Gloria's chances of survival were never better than slim and overwhelming odds caught up with her.—U.P.I.

### Poultry Attack Stops Police

Naples, Dec. 30. Poultry thieves today shook off Naples police by hurling stolen turkeys under the wheels and onto the bumpers of a police car pursuing them outside the city.

The thieves waited until the police car chasing them got close enough, then let loose with turkeys from a truck loaded with the stolen birds. One turkey hit the police car driver right in the face, and the police gave up the chase.—France-Press.

### Mikoyan's Visit

Washington, Dec. 30. Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, the Soviet Deputy Premier, will arrive in New York either on Saturday or Sunday next aboard a Scandinavian Airlines plane. Soviet sources said tonight.—Reuter.

THE editor and staff of the China Mail wish readers a happy and prosperous New Year. The China Mail will not be published tomorrow—New Year's Day—but an early edition will be on sale on Friday morning.

The South China Morning Post will be published as usual tomorrow but will not be published on Friday.

In today's China Mail a full racing service is provided in the sports pages together with tips for tomorrow's races.

In Friday's paper, the results of the New Year's Day meeting together with Rapier's comments for the second day's racing will be published.

## Observatory On Moon Planned This Century

Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 30. An astronomer said today that plans were being considered for placing a man-operated observatory on the moon some time in the 20th century.

Dr. Lawrence H. Aller of the University of Michigan Observatory said the space-science board of the National Academy of Science was considering five implementation phases for laying down the groundwork for the project.

Addressing the annual meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Dr. Aller said one of the steps in establishing a "lunar observatory" would include a space station.

**SPACE STATION**  
"Such space stations will probably carry crews and this circumstance will require means for getting men up into space and back again to Earth safely," he said.

"Before the end of this century the lunar observatory should be a reality and astronomers will then be able to carry out a host of critical observations in fields ranging from astronomy to cosmology."

Dr. Aller told the some 180 delegates at the closing session of the three-day meeting.

**BAKED SPACEMEN**  
In Washington, a Government scientist disclosed the U.S. Air Force has "baked" specimens at temperatures of up to 500 degrees to test human ability to withstand extreme heat during space flights.

Dr. Paul Webb, who performed the tests and was a human guinea pig in some of them, said the peak heat lasted for less than a minute. He said the special test oven was turned off "as soon as the subject said 'ouch'."

Dr. Webb, a researcher at the Aero Medical Laboratory, reported on the tests at a session of the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).—U.P.I.

## Warning To People Who Smoke More Than 20 A Day

Anyone who smokes more than 20 cigarettes a day should have a chest X-ray every six months, according to a report of lung cancer in the Medical Journal of Australia.

The report was made by Sydney specialist, Dr. Henry Maynard Rennie, honorary secretary to the Royal Australian College of Physicians.

Dr. Rennie said, "The heavy cigarette smoker (more than 20 cigarettes a day) seems to be at the greatest risk, and whether he inhales or not, whether he uses the filter tip cigarette or not, does not seem to make any difference."

Dr. Rennie said, "The freedom of the cigar and pipe smoker is also an interesting observation."

Dr. Rennie said that the greatest hope in the "unequal struggle" against lung cancer was for doctors to get advice from trained chest surgeons as soon as they suspected cancer—without waiting for a firm X-ray diagnosis.

Dr. Rennie said that surgery was the only curative treatment, but he made these five recommendations: Never smoke more than 10 cigarettes a day.—China Mail Special.

## Mountbatten To Be UK's Next Supremo

London, Dec. 31. Earl Mountbatten, 58-year-old First Sea Lord takes over as Supremo at the Defence Ministry next July, it was announced tonight.

The job — Chief Adviser to Defence Minister Duncan Sandys on Navy, Army and Air Force matters — is expected to last three years. Mountbatten was expected to become Supremo when the post was created last July, but for political reasons Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir William Dickson was appointed.

This time, by making the announcement so long in advance, Sandys wins two political points — firstly he has forestalled a carefully planned campaign involving a considerable number of Conservative back-benchers to stop Mountbatten from getting the job.



Earl Mountbatten  
He gets the job

able number of Conservative back-benchers to stop Mountbatten from getting the job.

## ATTACK BID ON BATISTA'S TWO SONS

New York, Dec. 30. Five men, apparently supporters of the Cuban rebel leader, Fidel Castro, lunged at two sons of President Fulgencio Batista of Cuba today shortly after the boys had stepped off a plane that brought them here from Havana.

The men, all shouting in Spanish, were seized by police before they could reach the boys — Roberto, about 12, and Carlos Manuel, about 9.

The incident occurred as the boys were walking from the terminal building at Idlewild Airport to get into a waiting limousine. They were among a party of 10 who arrived here on a National Airlines plane.

**SEARCHED**  
Police held the five men in an entrance way as the limousine sped away with Batista's sons and the others. While a large crowd looked on, the men were ordered to face the wall and put their arms over their heads. They kept shouting while police searched them for weapons. They were then taken to a private room in the airport for questioning.

## HE SPAT ON A CRUCIFIX

Rome, Dec. 30. Italy's highest court ruled today that blasphemy and insult against the Roman Catholic religion are a crime despite the fact that all denominations are equally free before the law.

The constitutional court made the ruling in connection with the case of Giuseppe Fumero, charged before a lower court in the town of Martina Franca for publicly spitting at a crucifix.

The constitutional court ruled that despite the equality of religious denominations, Catholics still "deserve particular protection" because it is the religion of a majority of Italians and insults against it touch off a particularly wide public reaction.—U.P.I.

## England Make 92 For 4

Melbourne, Dec. 31. The Second Test Match went off to a sensational start here today as, with the score at seven, Alan Davidson claimed three valuable England wickets in his second over without conceding a run.

But Trevor Bailey, tried as an opener, and his captain, Peter May checked the threatened collapse with careful play and at the luncheon adjournment had brought England's score to 55 without further loss.

After lunch, Bailey and May continued to keep the scoreboard moving until Bailey was caught by Bennett off Kline. His contribution was a valuable 48, and England were four down for 92.—Reuter.

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**Lunch Scoreboard**  
England—1st innings  
P. Richardson, c Groot, b Davidson ... 3  
T. Bailey, not out ... 29  
W. Watson, b Davidson ... 0  
T. Gravesen, lbw Davidson ... 0  
P. May, not out ... 22  
Extras ... 1

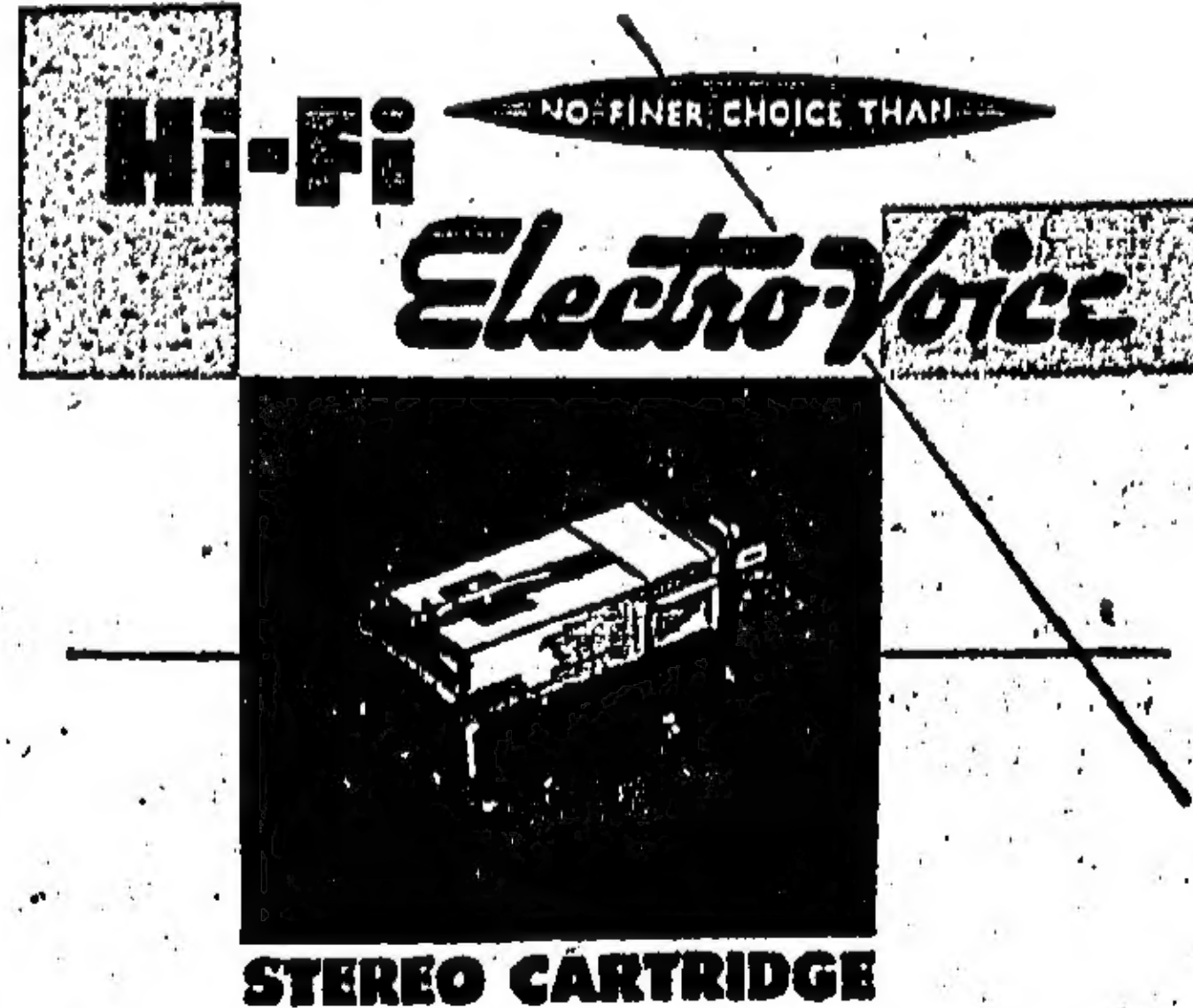
Total (for 3 wickets) 55  
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-7, 3-7.

## STOP PRESS AMERICA WINS DAVIS CUP

America today won the Davis Cup from Australia. Olmedo playing for the first time in the American team scored his second win of the five-match contest and gave his team a 3-1 lead.

Olmedo beat Australia's Ashley Cooper 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 8-6.—Reuter.

**129 For Four**  
Melbourne, Dec. 31. A fourth wicket stand of 85 between Trevor Bailey and Peter May had enabled England to stage a partial recovery by tea on the first day of the second test, with the score 129 for four.—Reuter.



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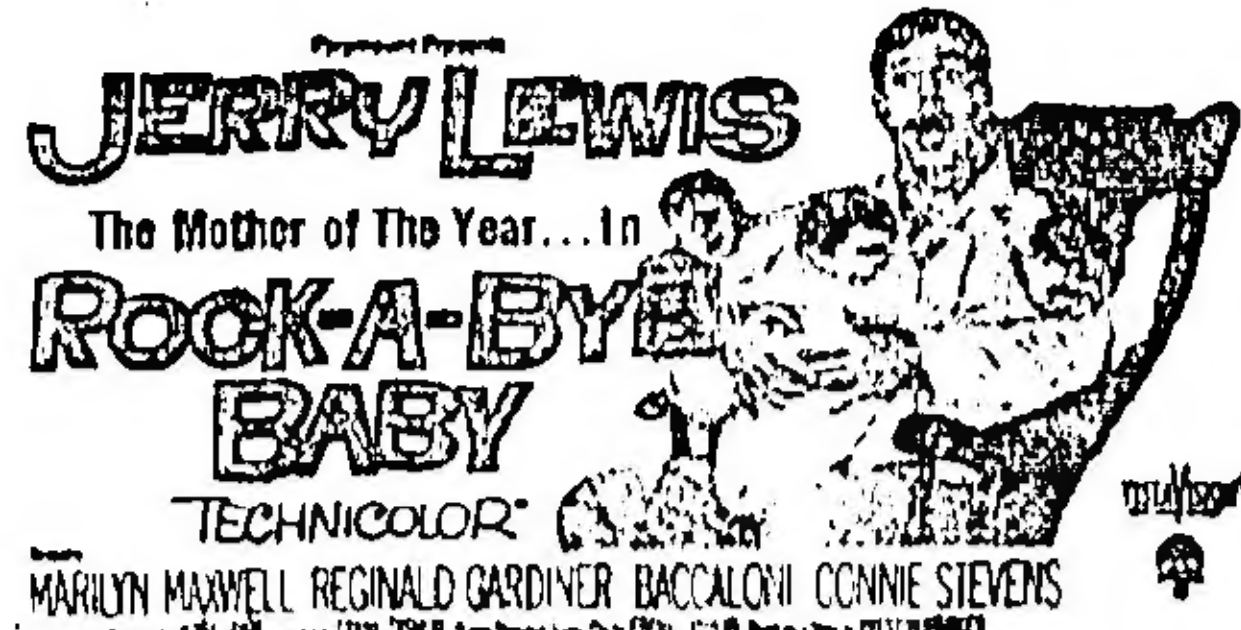
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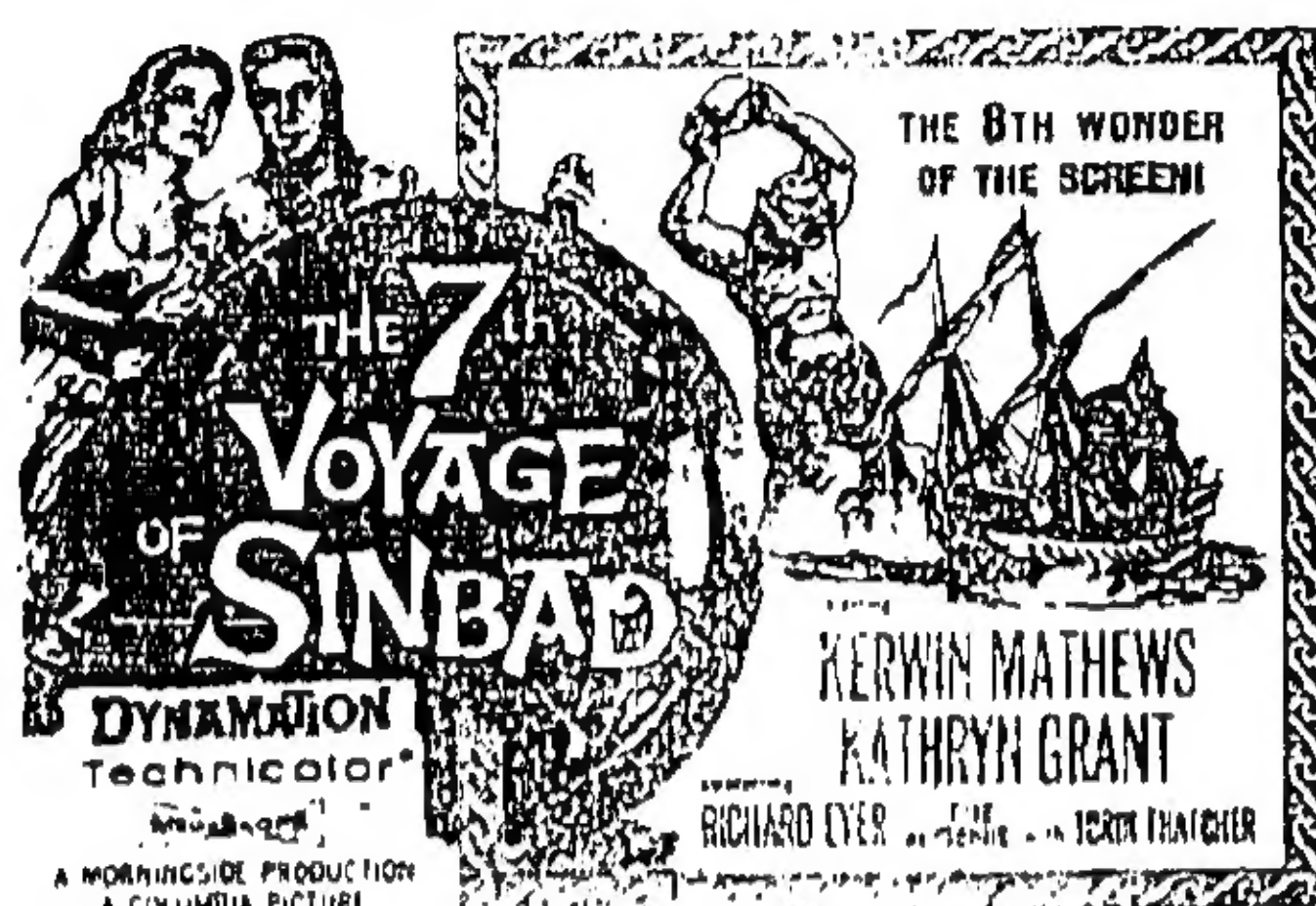


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# Make Berlin The UN City

American General Wants To  
Give It Vatican-Like Status

New York, Dec. 30.  
General Carl Spaatz, former Commander-in-Chief of the American Strategic Air Force in Europe, proposed today in the weekly "Newsweek" that the Berlin problem should be solved by turning the city over to the United Nations and making it the permanent headquarters of the UN.  
He said Berlin would thus become UN territory, just as Vatican City is the territory of the Roman Catholic Church. He said it would be governed by the UN as the American capital, Washington DC, is administered by Congress.  
General Spaatz said that as the headquarters of the United Nations, Berlin would be really an international city whose integrity would be guaranteed by all the UN member countries, including the Soviet Union.  
He said that the idea of Berlin as headquarters for the UN had not originated with him, but was first suggested by former American Embassy Counsellor in Moscow, John C. Wiley. —France-Press.

# Millionaire Arrested On Israeli Liner

Marseilles, Dec. 30.  
A squad of French riot police coaxed "millionaire" rag picker Joseph Joannovic out of his cabin today and arrested him aboard the Israeli liner "Theodor Herzl".

The legendary "Mister Joseph," who is wanted by French police on swindling charges, was taken off peacefully three hours after the liner put in from Haifa.  
He had first huddled behind the bolted door of his cabin, deaf to law officials shouting "open up, police."  
But Joannovic's lawyer, Charles Delauney, persuaded his client to open up. Joannovic then listened in gloomy silence for nearly two hours while police read him six arrest warrants issued by various French judges. —U.P.I.

# IN MOSCOW



PAUL ROBESON

Moscow, Dec. 30.  
American negro singer Paul Robeson, whose passport was withheld by the State Department for eight years, arrived in Moscow today to be present for New Year's celebrations. —France-Press.

# "All Bunkum" About Singapore's Guns

Admiral On Fall Of Naval Bastion

London, Dec. 30.  
ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON, war-time Naval Commander-in-Chief in the Far East, has broken his long silence on Singapore — but only briefly.

He talked about despatches that were never published because he refused to alter them. They concerned the defence of Singapore and its subsequent fall.

And they named people in the War Office, the Admiralty, and the Colonial Office responsible for the disaster, Admiral Layton revealed.

It is because the despatches name names that they are still secret.

The despatches do not support the theory that the guns defending Singapore were wrongly placed and that it was never considered that an attack would come from the north.

"That's all bunkum about guns being the wrong way round," said the admiral. "Singapore fell for other reasons."

The people blamed by the admiral for the island's fall were those who failed to carry out urgent advice passed on to them from Singapore.

Speaking at his home at Rowlands Castle, near Portsmouth, Sir Geoffrey said: "I'll tell you this much. I was very critical of a good deal. When I went out there I was told to carry out a tactical appreciation

of what was required to hold the Malayan peninsula.

"That I did, but it was never implemented by the people at home."

I asked Sir Geoffrey if he would name the people in his despatches. He said: "I can't do that while they are still alive, unless it is done with official approval."

"I suppose I could go ahead and publish the despatches myself but I don't think that would be playing the game," —London Express Service.

# Small World Signal?

New York, Dec. 30.  
Mr. Peter Elstob, business manager of "The Small World," said tonight that a radio operator in Trinidad had reported hearing a possible signal from the 47-foot balloon yesterday.

"But we don't place much credence in this report," he added. It was said to have placed the balloon over the Atlantic 1,200 miles east of Trinidad yesterday. —Reuter.

# JUDGMENT RESERVED ON GHANA DETENTIONS

Accra, Dec. 30.

Mr Justice H. C. Smith, English judge of the Accra divisional court, today reserved judgment indefinitely on a motion seeking the release of 38 people detained for an alleged conspiracy to assassinate the Prime Minister, Dr Kwame Nkrumah, and two other ministers.

The men are held in James Fort prison under the Preventive Detention Act, which provides for detention up to five years without trial.

The motion seeking their release was filed by an Accra barrister, Mr Ikoul Larbi, who argued before the court today that the Governor-General, Lord Listowel, or whoever signed the detention order had no power or authority to do so because the grounds of arrest as published constituted a criminal offence.

He said that he was not asking that the detainees should be released and acquitted but that they should be released to appear before a court under the Habeas Corpus act.

# Paramount

Mr Samuel Azza Crabbe, Senior Crown Counsel told the court that when the security of the state was in danger, the rights of individual subjects should give way to the paramount interest of the state.

He also submitted that under the Preventive Detention Act, parliament had determined that any person who acted in a manner prejudicial to the security of the state might be deprived of his rights.

Mr Crabbe had earlier stated that the issuing of the detention order was a matter within the exclusive power of the Governor-General and the court could not interfere with the merits of the order.

He asked the court today to take no notice of affidavits filed on behalf of the applicants to the effect that they had been wrongly described. —Reuter.

# RAN CAR INTO RIVER FOR INSURANCE

London, Dec. 30.

A man drove his car into the Thames because he wanted to collect £150 insurance to use as a deposit for buying a house, a court was told today.

William James Wade was fined £5 on a summons alleging he "unlawfully drove a motor car into the Thames which might injuriously affect the safety of the Thames."

Pleading guilty, he was ordered to pay three guineas costs. An officer of the Thames Conservancy said the car would prove a very grave hazard for anyone navigating craft.

Wade told the court: "I did it for the money. I wanted it as a deposit for a house. After I did it I realised I had done wrong, and did not put a claim in. I was going to be the loser." —China Mail Special.

# Skier Rushed To Hospital

Turin, Dec. 30.

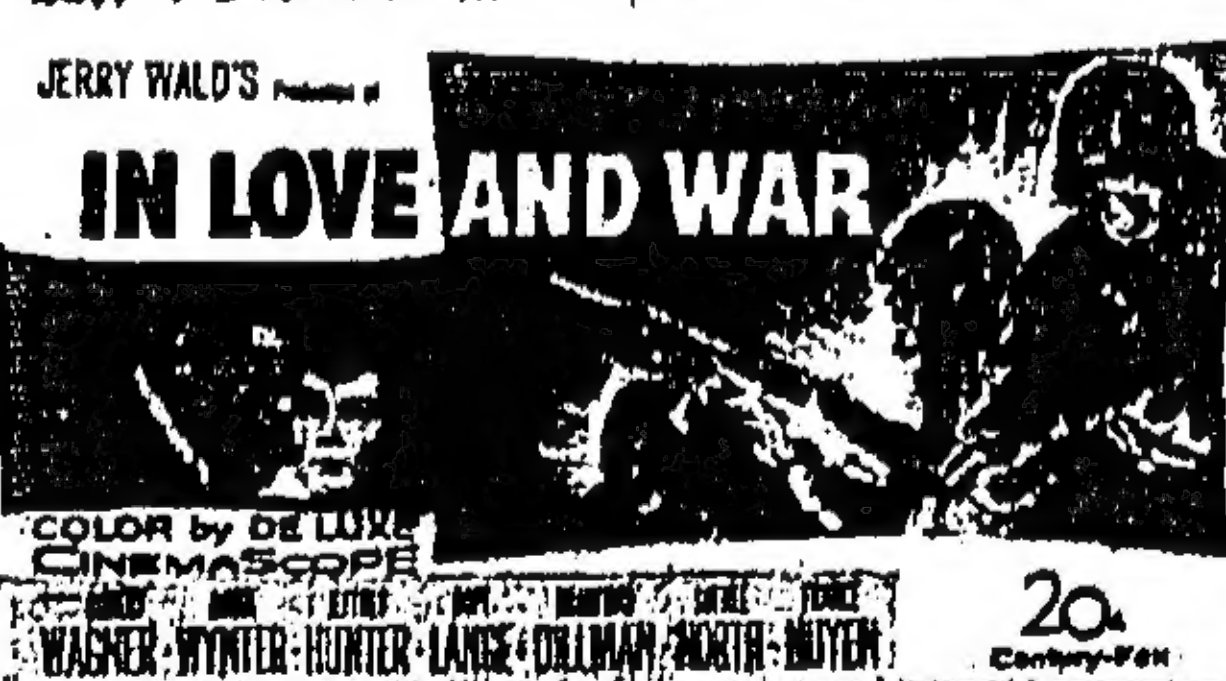
Gauthier Maitaux, 18-year-old son of M. Andre Maitaux, French minister responsible for cultural affairs, was rushed to hospital here tonight suffering from a form of paralysis.

The young student collapsed from severe spinal pains while skiing with friends at the Alpine resort of Bardonecchia near the French border. Later his left arm became paralysed. —Reuter.

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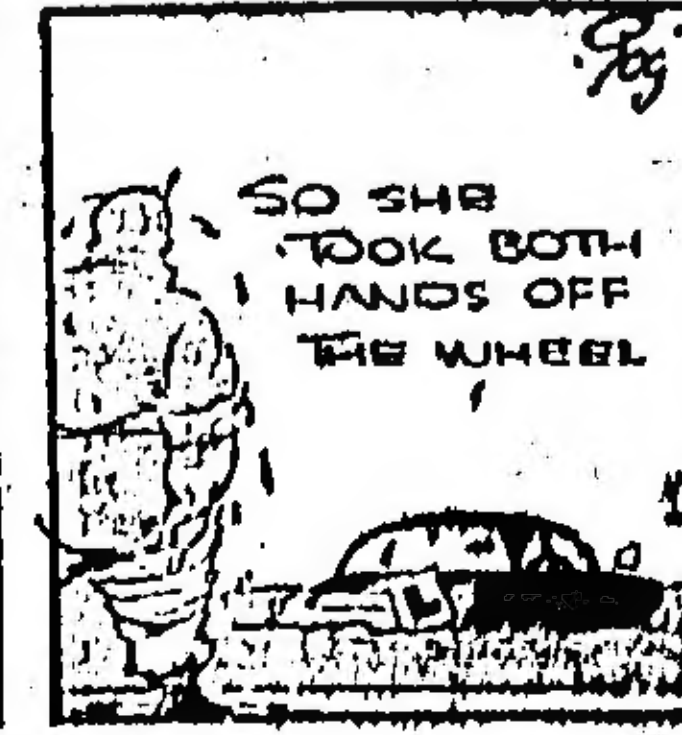


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## Silent TV Critic Gaoled

New York, Dec. 30. Miss Marie Torre, radio and television critic of the New York Herald Tribune, was today ordered to begin a ten-day prison sentence next Monday after she again refused to disclose the source of a news story about singer Judy Garland.

The news item resulted in a suit for \$1,393,333 (about £300,000) by Miss Garland against the Columbia Broadcasting System, alleging libel and breach of contract.

The libel suit referred to a statement about Miss Garland in Miss Torre's column, quoting an unnamed C.B.S. executive.

Federal District Judge Sylvester Ryan told Miss Torre today his sentence, imposed in November 1957, had been upheld by higher courts but he did not want to commit her "unless you compel me to."

## Poor Example

He again asked her to reveal the source of her news item and she replied: "I respectfully decline to answer."

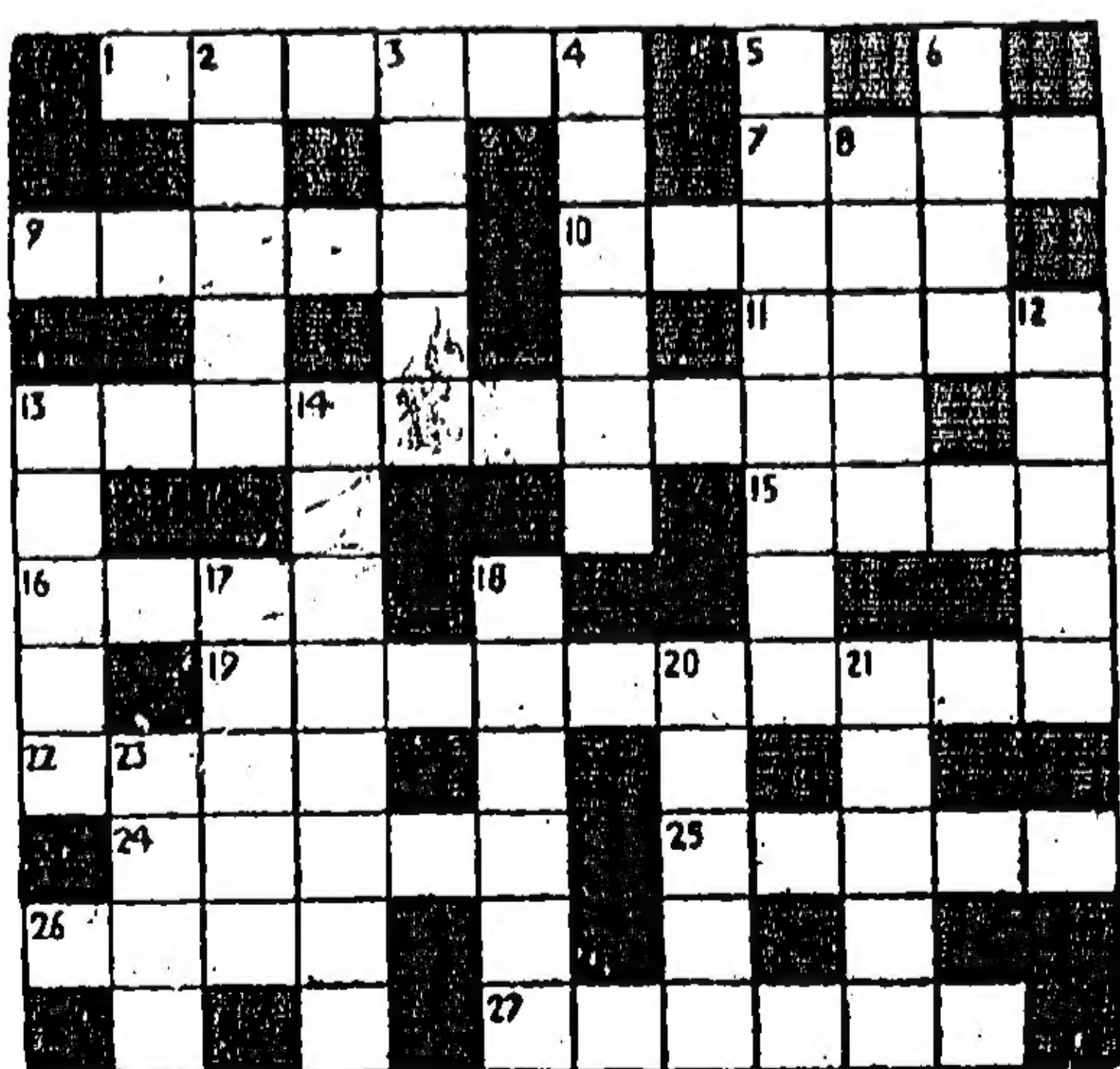
Judge Ryan asked her lawyer Mr. Mathias Correa, if Miss Torre realized that after serving her jail term, she could be called upon again to answer questions concerning the news item and again be sentenced to prison if she refused.

Mr. Correa said he had informed Miss Torre of this. Judge Ryan, ordering her to surrender by 10 a.m. on Monday, told Miss Torre she had set a poor example to her fellow citizens in defying the court's judgment. The judge said she had an additional obligation as a journalist whose writings influenced public opinion. Miss Torre's case had been made a test of journalists' right not to divulge the sources of a news story. —Reuter.

## Too Far

Santa Monica, Dec. 30. John F. Toshiyuki, 32-year-old West Los Angeles druggist, today was awarded a divorce from his wife of 19 years on testimony that she lost \$50,000 while gambling in Las Vegas U.P.I.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Public address? (6).
  - Scythian bird (4).
  - Feature of wood (5).
  - This organ often needs blowing (5).
  - The ship's company bonated (4).
  - Percentage some soldiers get (10).
  - Puts to some purpose (4).
  - Bird run over daily (4).
  - House-painters, etc. (10).
  - Kents wrote several (4).
  - Makes a valuation (5).
  - Everyday fruits (5).
  - Bundle from Elba (4).
  - Part of ancient Greece (6).
- DOWN**
- Song of David (5).
  - Bored feeling (5).
  - The son becomes upright (6).
  - Noble plane, obviously (8).
  - Twisted line on the map of Africa (4).
  - Farm buildings (5).
  - Singers (5).
  - Museum piece, perhaps (6).
  - Interfered with moles at first (8).
  - Perfect (5).
  - County (6).
  - Under this tree men sit in council (5).
  - Visual topaz (6).
  - Attract upward (4).

**TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Hwealn, 4. Benbe, 7. Avenue, 9. V-11, 10. Gulp, 12. Compare, 15. Envoys, 16. Ebon, 17. Ratt, 19. Rens, 20. Feltier, 21. Sear, 23. Pains, 24. Autumn, 25. Messy, 26. (Lay) Bohemian, Down: 1. Singers, 2. Fynes left, 3. Taut, 5. Clippers, 6. Bolero, 8. Power, 11. Patterns, 12. Ceres, 13. Absolute, 14. Entrance, 18. Aerate, 22. Jun-O.

Washington, Dec. 30. Dr Herbert F. York declared today that the United States is closing the missile gap with Russia, especially in large-scale propulsion systems for launching big satellites.

York made his statement at a news conference immediately after being sworn in as the Pentagon Director of Defence Research and Engineering, a newly-created position. He was formerly chief scientist for the Advanced Research Projects Agency.

The official, a leading space authority who has been clothed with extraordinary powers, said it is "not obvious" that the Russians have a missile more powerful than America's intercontinental Atlas now orbiting the earth.

He said that with second and third stages added, the Atlas could put into orbit a satellite with a payload of as much as two tons.

That would be a half ton larger than Russia's largest "moon" Sputnik III.

The Atlas now in orbit weighs four and a half tons, but its payload of instruments is only 150 pounds.

"There undoubtedly are some missile fields in which we are still behind," Dr York said, "but in general I think we are closing the gap."

## Two A Month

The United States is planning to launch an average of two satellites a month in 1959 while forging ahead with ballistic missiles and other nuclear weapons to deter Russia from war.

Dr York's statements gave further disclosures on the race. In this contest, America is credited by many experts with setting a faster pace in space exploration this year and holding its own in long-range missile development.—U.P.I.

## South Malaya Now Free Of Terrorists

Singapore, Dec. 31. All of south Malaya is now free of Communist terrorists. This follows the proclamation of Johore State as a "white" (terrorist-free) area this morning.

Johore, separated from Singapore by a short causeway, was one of the last remaining strongholds of the Communist insurgents.

Now only two Communists are at large in the state, and they are expected to surrender shortly.

## Few Left

Leaders of the security forces believe that after 10 years of fighting, fewer than a thousand terrorists are left in the jungle. At the peak of their strength, early in 1950, Communists under arms in Malaya numbered about 11,000.

The final operation against the terrorists in Johore started in June in the south-eastern corner of the state. Thirty-five of the 37 Communists in the area were eliminated.

## Years Of Murder

Troops taking part in the Johore campaign were principally Gurkhas and Malays. Announcing the break-up of the terrorist forces, the Regent of Johore, Sir Ismail ibn Sultan Ibrahim, said: "We have won this freedom after 10 years of murder, arson and intimidation. Let us all resolve never to allow the forces of evil to re-establish themselves again in this free country."—Reuter.

## Grenade Outrage: 3 Dead

Algiers, Dec. 30. Three people were killed today when a terrorist hurled a grenade in the Casbah quarter of Algiers.—France Press.

## Fast Line

London, Dec. 31.

The headquarters of both the Royal Air Force and the American Air Force stationed in Britain said today that they would open an investigation to find out who wrote "I Love You" with a jet fighter in the sky over Warrington (Lancashire) yesterday.

Both headquarters said that none of their pilots was authorized to fly in the Warrington area yesterday, much less to write messages to his sweetheart, for all the world to see. It was known that the sky writer was a jet, but no one knew whether the pilot who put on the romantic display of fancy flying was British or American—except perhaps one air in Warrington.—France Press.

## Out-of-date Complaint

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 30.

A nominated councillor complained that prisons in Malaya resembled nudist camps during bathing hours. Councillor C. H. Yin said that during a visit to the Batu Gajah jail some years ago he saw prisoners being marched to their bath stark naked.

Federation of Malaya's Commissioner of Prisons Inche Murad bin Ahmad commenting on the complaint said prisoners no longer have to parade in the nude when they go for their bath.

He said prison reform in Malaya provided for inmates to be in the showers so that they "can be adequately covered" when they bathe.—U.P.I.

## Marquess And Top Deb



The 18-year-old Marquess of Tavistock, son and heir of the Duke of Bedford, flew home for Christmas to London Airport in a Comet from New York.

With him travelled Henrietta "Deb" of the Year. Marks, who has been modelling in New York.

Speculation has it that there may be a romance in the air between the two—but this has been denied, even though the couple holidayed together last August and the Marquess flew from Harvard, where he is studying Law, to see her in Bermuda last October.

Photo shows the Marquess, Henrietta and her poodle in the London Airport lounge on their arrival.

## Ency. Brit. Will Alter Article On Malays

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 30. The Encyclopaedia Britannica will revise a section which describes the Malay race as lazy, dishonest, and immoral.

A Malay language paper, Berita Harian (Daily News), which protested against the description, said it had received an assurance from the publishers of the encyclopaedia in Chicago that the passage would be changed.

The Secretary-General of the All-Malaya Islamic Association, Inche Othman Abdullah, said: "I am glad that the encyclopaedia's publishers have seen the light, and have promised to change the insulting references to Malays."

## Gentleness

The chairman of a State Muslim welfare council, Inche Abdullah Yassin, said, "The encyclopaedia when it revises the description of Malays should take note that it was mainly because of the Malays' gentleness, sincerity and straightforwardness, that the British colonial power was able to introduce its open-door policy of bringing cheap labour from overseas, making Malaya's racial problem what it is now." —China Mail Special.

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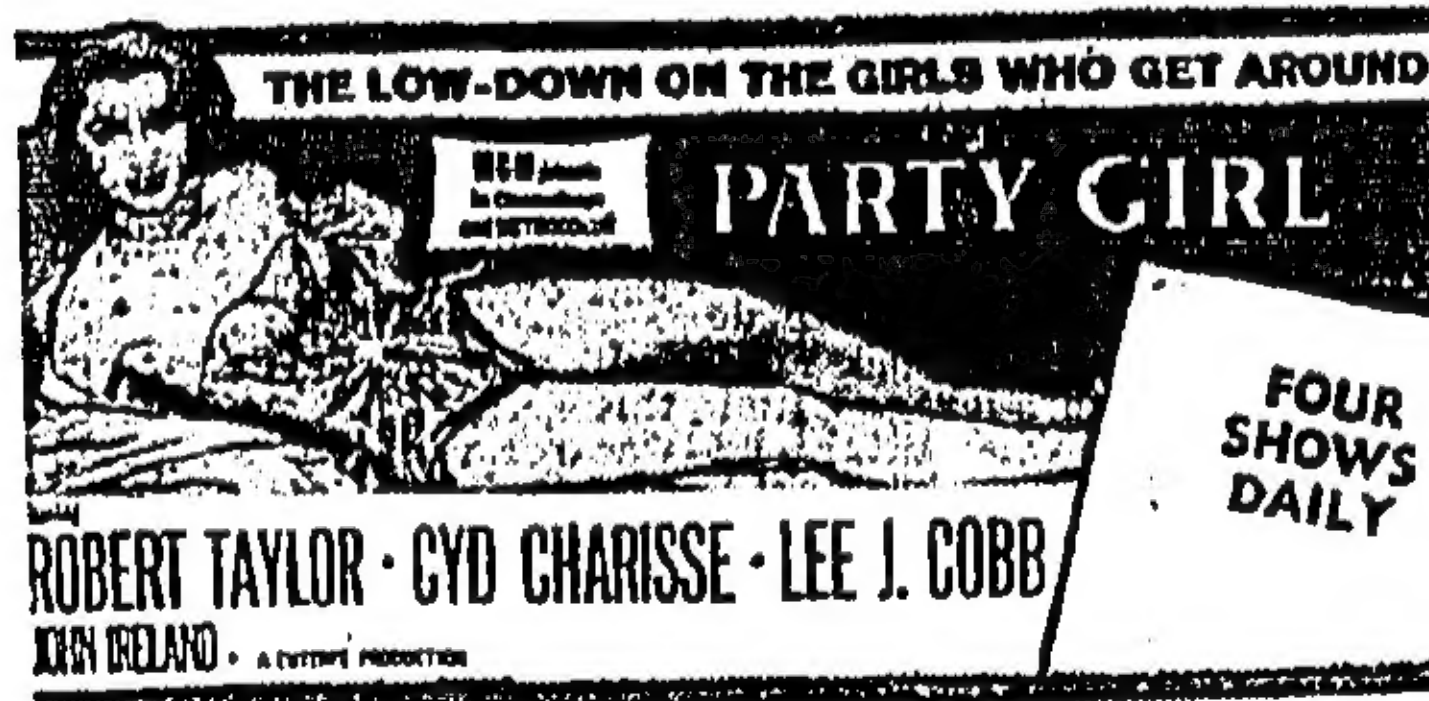
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# The Birth Of The Post

FROM now on, the highest venturesome period of the Colony was over. The interesting reading deals with affairs removed from administration. The slanging matches in the paper conducted with decorum, and every one was careful not to tread over the line.

In 1894, Mr T. H. Reid became a partner in the China Mail, and also editor of the paper; and, in 1900, the Hongkong Telegraph after being run by Mr Chesney Duncan and Mr J. J. Francis, Q.C. was formed into a limited company.

The principal shareholders were Chinese residents who took over the Hongkong Telegraph as a paper in which they might express their views. With Mr J. P. Braga as their manager, the paper was conducted on lines in keeping with the highest principles of journalism together with fair expression.

So as the century closes, and we enter the present century, three newspapers continue, of which only the China Mail remains. The Hongkong Telegraph still exists, however, and is printed from time to time to keep it alive, although only sufficient copies are published to satisfy such requirements that its name be retained.

The South China Morning Post entered the arena as a limited liability company with a capital of \$150,000 on March 18, 1903, and its first number was issued in the following November.

The founder of the Company was Mr A. Cunningham who had previously been connected with newspapers in Singapore, Shanghai, and Hongkong. He acted as the general manager.

The first editor was Mr Douglas Story, a prominent London journalist and War Correspondent.

The Company got off to a wonderful start with such prominent local personalities as Mr E. H. Sharp, K.C.; Mr C. Evans, solicitor; Father Robert, the head of the Mission; E. Strangeways; and Mr G. W. F. Playfair, manager of the National Bank of China.

The South China Morning Post chose a suitable time in which to be born. That, together with the vigorous and independent policy, plus its modern equipment sent it rapidly ahead.

An early boast of this newcomer to journalism was that it produced its own gas to run the 16 and 32 h.p. engines to run its plant, and it also lighted its building with electricity produced on the spot. The Post was the pioneer of the 10-cent newspaper in Hong-

By **JOHN LUFF**

hong, and soon seized the largest circulation. The time was fortunate because the Russo-Japanese War was soon to break out. During this war, the Post was strongly pro-Japanese, but at the same time did not overlook certain trade tricks which had been performed by the country that was then Great Britain's Ally.

In 1904, there was an attempt to form a Journalistic Association. Like most things formed out here, once the first enthusiastic rush was over, the thing fell apart, but with so many Colony records looted during the Japanese occupation, it might be as well to record the names of the first Committee in the hope that someone might be able to tell us something about them.

The President was Mr T. H. Reid of the China Mail. Chairman, Mr P. W. Sergeant of the Daily Press. The Committee was formed of Mr Douglas Story, Editor of the South China Morning Post, Mr W. H. Donald, China Mail Editor, and Mr E. A. Snowden of the Hongkong Telegraph.

The object of the Association was to promote the "status of journalists in the Far East."

This article in the constitution of the short-lived committee takes us back by association to the first years of the Colony. When the Criminal Sessions of

the new court were held in 1850, in a building which I place on a site opposite the present King's cinema, the gentlemen from the press were invited to sit at a table inside the bar.

In the hope that they were mindful of the honour shown them, they were reminded "that they would testify their regard for the attention shown for their accommodation by appearing there in the ordinary garb of gentlemen."

There is no record left to show whether they did appear in the ordinary garb of gentlemen.

Journalists have a reputation for disregard of the ordinary conventions of society, but history shows that reporters were later given seats immediately in front of the dock. Which might have had a sinister intention.

From now on the press set the pattern it has maintained over the past fifty years. In the main, we could say that the Hongkong papers keep the Colony informed of the outside world, and that the papers are better produced—but could an old journalist return to the Colony, the greatest difference he would notice in the present papers is in the editorials.

This was pointed out fifty years ago by Mr W. H. Donald, then editor of the China Mail, and his comment is as true today as it was then.

He wrote: "Criticisms, however, is not so free as is possible in other parts of the world. The community is small, (the meaner comparatively) interests are surprisingly interwoven, and a tendency exists in some quarters to obstruct legitimate reference to certain interests by withdrawing support from a paper guilty of indiscretion."

"One or two papers endeavor to stem this tide of demoralization, and whether the survival of the fittest will ultimately see the editors on top or not, remains to be seen."

Unfortunately, Mr Donald does not refer to the particular incident he had in mind, and I have no reference to any "indiscretion" on the part of the editor of the China Mail. This, however, I do know. That for some reference made in the China Mail during the year 1904, the foreign community boycotted the paper.

This was a severe blow, for not only was the South China Morning Post, by its new equipment and all round efficiency, plus good coverage of the Japan-Russia trouble, taking over circulation, but this boycott placed the newcomer well in front.

Mr Donald went on to ask his readers if such measures made for good press for, he said, "The result is that the average editor has to think twice before he publishes an article such as the general reader sometimes looks for."

Mr Donald tells his readers that "any timidity (in the press) noticeable is due more to force of circumstances than to the weather."

What I can read there is that Mr W. H. Donald was pretty hurt. As far as I can see, he was a fine sort of chap with a sense of vocation, and certainly no sensational journalist.

He came from Lithgow, N.S.W., and served on the staffs of the Daily Telegraph, Sydney, and The Argus, Melbourne.

He joined the China Mail in 1903 and rapidly rose to the editor's chair. He was special correspondent for the Daily Express, London, and the China Mail, covering the movements of the ill-fated Baltic fleet, under Admiral Rozhdestvensky. Donald was the only English correspondent to witness the Russian fleet sail to its doom at Tsushima on May 14, 1905.

I should say that W. H. Donald was the last of the old line of editors, although very fine and responsible one, who stood aside from the Colony, and gave fair comment on Hongkong affairs.

The last foreign editor I remember in court was the popular Father T. Sheridan, S. J. Had Father Sheridan turned up the editor of the China Mail for 1904, and read Donald's comments on comment in the press, he would have been advised on what the China Mail euphemistically termed "indiscretions."

Father Sheridan was then editor of "Outlook," a very high class journal, which maintained an excellent class of journalism. Unfortunately, the local circulation was insufficient to keep the monthly magazine going, and its overseas circulation, while good, did not extend rapidly enough to keep it alive.

In a way, the outcome of the affair was similar to that of the old days, and although Father Sheridan did not obtain a meeting on the cricket ground, he was certainly overwhelmed with letters and vocal expressions of sympathy.

The fact is, weekly or monthly foreign magazines have never gone down in Hongkong. Many attempts have been made, but none have succeeded. Once the South China Morning Post was going, it tried to run a weekly illustrated called the Weekly Post. It folded up after a few months.

On August 4, 1906, the China Mail brought out the New Weekly. The proprietor offered \$500 to the person who could select the most suitable title for this new venture. The paper as the Hongkong Weekly, (the winning title) paid very high rates to encourage good writing, but in spite of all this, the journal folded up on March 7, 1908.

The public of Hongkong did not, and do not, want weekly journals. The South China Morning Post had another try with the Review of the Far East, in 1907. This collapsed after two issues.

There was again an exciting period, or rather an unconventional period in journalism immediately before the Second World War broke out in the Far East, and immediately afterwards.

The letters were racy, and the double entendre was sprinkled freely. The editor had to keep his eyes skinned as I well remember. Most of Hongkong's respectable residents were at home recuperating from a long sojourn in Stanley Camp. The Colony was in the hands of the Military Occupation, and many of the members of that memorable force found a talent for journalism, broadcasting, acting and everything else.

It was at the latter end of this stage, just as the Colony was recovering its Wimbledon Common air of respectability that the editor of the China Mail bought what is now an old classic.

He had nothing to worry about. The Daily Mirror bought it also. The writer to the editor pretended to have found a



THE South China Morning Post's linotype room (above) and composing room as they were in those days. Note the pigtail (above) of the operator.

From now on, these articles will deal with what the press said about the domestic affairs of the Colony before we assumed the doubtful reputation of being the most respectable people in the Far East. They were high days, courageous days, not always good days, but the Colony story is a saga of extremes, and most of the incidents are amusing. Its real history has been recorded well from Elton to Endacott; this is not an attempt to add to that. This is merely what the ordinary did here.

CONTINUED  
ON SATURDAY

## MISSILE CENTRE ONCE A COWTOWN

'Man into space' attempt will be made here

Lompoc, California.

A VAST missile centre stretching for 500 miles along California's coast will be the launching site for America's 1,300-pound satellites. Once serving an area of farms and cattle ranches, the former "cowtown" of Lompoc is now the centre of the largest missile range in the free world.

America's first attempt to send a man into space will be made from here. All three of the United States' armed services will share the huge network of space-age facilities.

At 'the ready'

Within a few days the U.S. Air Force expects to launch the first of a series of shots designed to fix television cameras in a north-south orbit to scan the west-east spinning earth. But the scientists and officers of Vandenberg Air Force Base, just north of the missile centre, are interested in more than shots to the moon. Mars and Venus range will be fired the 1,500-mile intermediate missiles and the 6,000-mile ICBM's. The Vandenberg base already has been declared "operational." This means it is ready to fire nuclear missiles across the Pacific.

Scenes of buildings housing the apparatus which controls the missiles in flight are scattered from San Nicolas Island, off the southern California coast to Point Sur in northern California. Although there is no over-all commander, the range is under the direction of the United States Navy.

At Port Arguello, the Navy has 19,000 acres of hilly countryside next to the Vandenberg base. With the facilities being built here, the Navy will be able to launch all types of missiles. Scientists at the Vandenberg base have almost completed preparations for firing a Thor-Able missile.

Within a year, the 100-ton Atlas missile may also become available. Air Force officers believe the Atlas could orbit a satellite weighing at least five tons.

(London Express Service).

### POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"And may I remind you, Chasuble, that however great the difference in our liturgical views, we do not refer to the Bishop as 'that Low Church square'."

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## ROUND-UP

### OUR BOOTS

BRITISH manufacturers may soon have a new line on the West German market. During a week's visit to Britain a West German delegation of shoe retailers went to an exhibition of British footwear, organised by the British Footwear Manufacturers. They showed keen interest in British made soccer boots. A selection of these boots will be sent to Germany for examination by specialist buyers.

### PROUD OF BACON

ENGLISH bacon has gained a boost in the village of Horsmonden, Kent, during the past year. More than 2,000 customers in and around the village are supplied with locally-produced bacon and some housewives, while remaining faithful to their own grocers for all other provisions, obtain their bacon at the one store in the district that sells the English product. This much-sought-after bacon is produced at Ruck Farm, near Horsmonden, by Mr F. Cornwallis, son of Lord Cornwallis, Lord Lieutenant of the County.

### MASCOT

STAFF at Watford, Hertfordshire, Peace Memorial hospital's pathological department have a new mascot—a Gills-Gills, the only one in Britain, they believe. The Gills-Gills was given to the staff by a rat catcher who was called to wipe out a rat colony which invaded Bovingdon Hertfordshire. The grey furry animal is about 8 inches long. It came from a family which started when two escaped from the late Lord Rothschild's private zoo at Tring, 20 years ago.

### NELSON'S GIFT

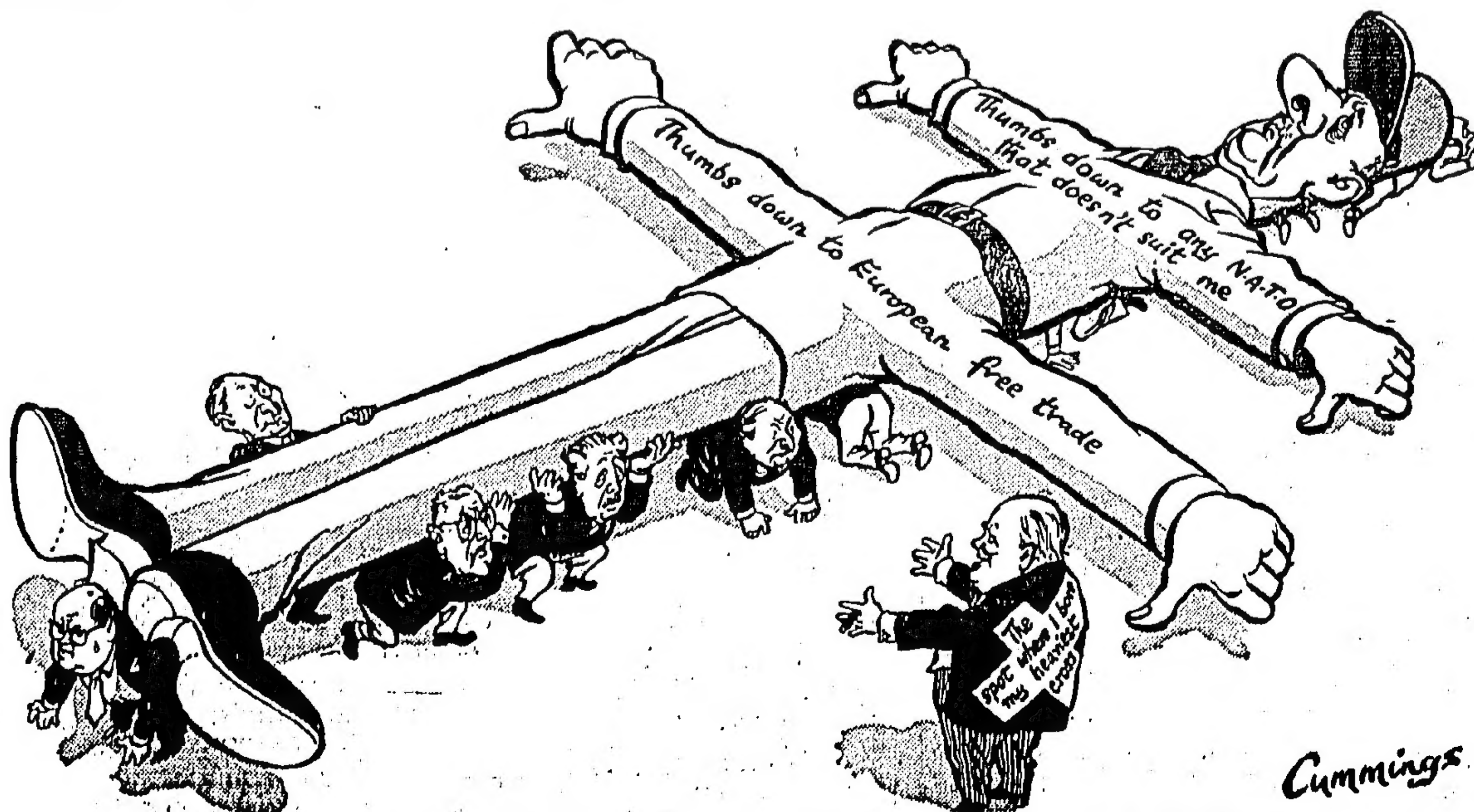
A SWORD, which Nelson presented to an Italian Admiral over 100 years ago has been handed over by Signora Elena Imbert, last descendant of the admiral, to the British Naval Attache in Rome for presentation to the Greenwich Naval Museum. It was given by Nelson to Admiral Antonio Imbert for his services and devotion to a Spanish branch of the Bourbons.

### AID FOR DOG

A HARD-OF-HEARING pet dog has been fitted with a dent aid by a Mayfair, London, "Hearing Correctors Service." A member of the firm chose one of the latest models in which battery and microphone are contained in a box one and a half inches long. A special head band had to be made. "After the first bewilderment when the dog did not quite understand where the sound was coming from he got used to it," said the maker. "He soon reacted like a human, being and obviously enjoyed being able to hear without being shouted at."

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THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon on the 1st Day. The Tiffin Interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.  
The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.  
All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, D'Almeida Street, and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

GUEST BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Day (704, 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members, and Ladies wearing Lady's Breeches.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the re-admission fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.  
MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

### SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Day Out Booths in the Enclosures.

### CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$30.00 one for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Almeida Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on the day of the Race Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 31st December, 1959, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.  
The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

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Saturday 3rd January, 1959 ..... 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon on:

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Saturday 27th December, 1959 ..... 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.  
Saturday 3rd January, 1959 ..... 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### TOTALISATOR

Bettors are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.  
ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER. NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.  
PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.  
Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,  
A. E. ARNOLD,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 27th December, 1959.

# RAPIER'S RACING COMMENTS

## Ten Events At Valley Tomorrow

Cut this out and take it to the races  
tomorrow for your guidance

### Probable Starters, Weights & Riders

Probable starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

12.00 noon Race 1 BALDOYLE HANDICAP (1st Section), 6 Furlongs, Novices, Class 5.  
114 Masot (Lokoff) 145 lbs.  
400 Burning Arrow (Sofronoff) 145 lbs.  
004 Hammer Mill (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs.  
102 Esquire (S. H. Wong) 145 lbs.  
340 Outsider (Lam) 135 lbs.  
004 The Cherub (Cheung) 135 lbs.  
Possible Acceptors: Five Gold, Jovial Lancer, Koko Boy, Sure Goal, Noble.

12.30 p.m. Race 2 EPSOM HANDICAP, 1 Mile (1st Section), Class 5.  
423 Free Kick (Ng) 154 lbs.  
120 Blonnie (Sofronoff) 152 lbs.  
000 Lombard (Metrevell) 151 lbs.  
204 Caravelle (Ng) 140 lbs.  
004 F. C. (Krasnoff) 147 lbs.  
004 Ma Cherie (Cheung) 140 lbs.  
000 Attractive Power (Lam) 141 lbs.  
000 Good Girl (Sofronoff) 139 lbs.  
000 So Ho (S. H. Wong) 139 lbs.  
000 Waglan (Sofronoff) 135 lbs.  
000 Advancement (Cheung) 134 lbs.  
000 Jetfield (Metrevell) 133 lbs.  
Possible Acceptors: New Love, Opportune, Rebel II.

1.30 p.m. Race 3 BALDOYLE HANDICAP (2nd Section), 6 Furlongs, Class 5.  
002 Goodwin (S. H. Wong) 154 lbs.  
100 Dainty (Shiu) 150 lbs.  
210 Rocky Bay (Lam) 150 lbs.  
000 Ne'er Mind (Lokoff) 144 lbs.  
000 Lure Triomphe (Sofronoff) 143 lbs.  
010 Festus (Cheung) 141 lbs.  
004 Fenchurch (Metrevell) 138 lbs.  
000 All Gay (Metrevell) 137 lbs.  
103 Mayfair (A. S. Wong) 134 lbs.  
000 Mademoiselle (Noordt) 133 lbs.  
210 Hyalman (S. H. Wong) 133 lbs.  
Possible Acceptors: Full Ahead.

1.30 p.m. Race 4 GOODWOOD HANDICAP, 1 Mile (1st Section), Class 5.  
002 Minerva (Metrevell) 150 lbs.  
004 Glamour Girl (Lam) 147 lbs.  
004 Cops (Rodney) 145 lbs.  
004 G-Man (Ng) 145 lbs.  
000 Alex's Girl (Rodney) 144 lbs.  
000 As You Like It (Lam) 143 lbs.  
002 Cirrus (Lam) 142 lbs.  
000 Carola (A. S. Wong) 141 lbs.  
000 Tai Ping Shan (Metrevell) 141 lbs.  
000 National Delight (Cheung) 140 lbs.  
000 Yu-Hua-Tung (Sofronoff) 140 lbs.  
010 Vigorous Ave (A. S. Wong) 139 lbs.  
000 Viewpoint (Shiu) 139 lbs.  
Possible Acceptors: Jura, Winning Steak.

2.30 p.m. Race 5 GALWAY HANDICAP (1st Section), 1/2 Mile (1st Section), Class 5.  
000 Beloved (Ng) 152 lbs.  
002 Venus (Tokmokoff) 145 lbs.  
Possible Acceptors: Sincerely Yours, Butterfly, Golden Nugget, Ivan-Is, Follow Me, Asian Diamond.

2.30 p.m. Race 6 STEWARDS CUP, 6 Furlongs, Class 1.  
140 Permanent View (Lam) 154 lbs.  
121 As You Wish (Rodney) 151 lbs.  
002 Red Light (Ng) 140 lbs.  
012 Vingt Et Un (A. S. Wong) 140 lbs.  
002 Winsome Star (Noordt) 141 lbs.  
Possible Acceptors: Shifaz.

4.00 p.m. Race 7 WINDSOR HANDICAP (1st Section), 1 1/2 Miles, Class 3.  
001 Welcome (Cheung) 152 lbs.  
012 Edinburgh (Metrevell) 151 lbs.  
012 Native Prince (Sofronoff) 150 lbs.  
004 City of Victoria (Lam) 142 lbs.  
000 Temptation (S. H. Wong) 142 lbs.  
000 Don Juan (Noordt) 137 lbs.  
000 Belinda (Krasnoff) 133 lbs.  
Possible Acceptors: Golden Gypsy, Pin-In, Cheefrui, Golden City, Babbie, Maybelle.

4.30 p.m. Race 8 CURRAGH HANDICAP, 1 Mile (1st Section), Class 5.  
000 Resurrection (Sofronoff) 152 lbs.  
000 Encores (S. H. Wong) 146 lbs.  
010 Beautiful Flower (Lokoff) 145 lbs.  
000 Sea Raider (Sofronoff) 142 lbs.  
000 Huntington (Rodney) 139 lbs.  
000 Mademoiselle (Noordt) 138 lbs.  
000 Cordons Rouge (Lam) 137 lbs.  
000 Amusement (Belokoff) 135 lbs.  
000 Never Forget (Lam) 134 lbs.  
Possible Acceptors: Mona Lisa.

5.30 p.m. Race 9 GALWAY HANDICAP (2nd Section), 1/2 Mile (2nd Section), Class 5.  
001 American Carrot (Noordt) 154 lbs.  
000 King A (Rodney) 151 lbs.  
002 Courier (Belokoff) 150 lbs.  
000 Passing Shot (S. H. Wong) 140 lbs.  
000 Good Condition (Ng) 147 lbs.  
000 George Fergie (Metrevell) 145 lbs.  
000 Our Prize (Tokmokoff) 142 lbs.  
000 Bonny Boy (Sofronoff) 140 lbs.  
000 Colette (Metrevell) 140 lbs.  
000 Lal Golas (Sofronoff) 140 lbs.  
001 Nobel Prize (Lam) 140 lbs.  
Possible Acceptors: Sincerely Yours, Butterfly, Golden Nugget, Ivan-Is, Follow Me, Asian Diamond.

## RED LIGHT AND WINSOME STAG EXPECTED TO FIGHT OUT MAIN RACE FOR CLASS 1 PONIES

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Race Meeting of the current season starts tomorrow at the valley and will continue on Saturday, January 3.

There are 10 events on the programme tomorrow, the most important of which is the Stewards Cup. It is a handicap race for Class 1 ponies over six furlongs.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run promptly at 12.00 noon. The tiffin interval will come after the running of the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

Given the weather conditions the meeting should attract a record crowd of racing fans. Here are my estimates of the chances.

### FIRST RACE

Baldoye Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.  
The opening race is confined to Class 5 ponies to be ridden by riders who have not won ten times anywhere at any time.

Bengal Lancer (Robert Luk) ran second to Eunice with T. S. Long up in the Hamilton Park Handicap (First Section) from the 1 1/2 Mile Post at the last meeting, and it certainly appears to have the best recommendation for a win here.

It is learnt that Bengal Lancer may not accept and the choice then will seem to be between Hammer Mill (H. Fattydad) and Masot (Ringo Lai).

True, Hammer Mill has not won a race for some time, but I have a feeling it is due for a win.

Masot was most disappointing the last time out in running unplaced. Tomorrow it will be given a grand chance of avenging its previous defeat.

However, I am going to nominate Hammer Mill to win, with Masot second and The Cherub (J. B. Kim) as the outsider.

### SECOND RACE

Epson Handicap: From 2-Mile Post.  
This race will be contested by Class 5 ponies.

Free Kick (M. A. C. Noza) appears to have the best recommendation for a win here. The pony to watch, however, is So Ho (Chun Kit). It has been showing improved form lately and it will give Free Kick a keen fight.

There is Jetfield (Albert Lam) to be considered as this pony has been making rapid improvement during morning training and the distance should suit it.

Attractive Power (M. Samarc) is considered good enough to extend the other starters and may cause an upset here.

### THIRD RACE

Baldoye Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.  
Second lot of Class 5 ponies will run in this event and I strongly fancy Mayfair (H. Fattydad) as the distance is well suited for a pony although it failed to gain a place at the last meeting over the 1 1/2-Mile Post by swerving wide where entering the homestretch and faded out.

All Gay (K. Kwok) is, of course, the danger and I expect to see it fighting out the finish. Enstasy (Albert Lam) is also in the race, judging from its win at the 3rd Race Meeting over the mile.

Dainty (P. Y. T. Wei) is the best outsider.

### FOURTH RACE

Goodwood Handicap: From 2-Mile Post.  
In this race for Class 6 ponies, I don't think I shall be far wrong in finding that the ponies to watch are Glamour Girl (H. K. Hung), Carola (Liang Pao Kwok), As You Like It (Wai Shek Ming) and Tai Ping Shan (Alex Lam).

Glamour Girl is my choice and I think it should win but Carola is not to be ignored as this pony is quite dependable over this distance.

As You Like It and Tai Ping Shan are also quite good over this distance and will be near at the finish.

Prince Vallant (Ng) 150 lbs.  
103 Hellobi (Lokoff) 147 lbs.  
000 di Lak (Lokoff) 147 lbs.  
004 Keipie (Rodney) 142 lbs.  
002 Victoria Peak (Sofronoff) 141 lbs.  
004 Shintaghi (Metrevell) 139 lbs.  
Possible Acceptors: Sincerely Yours, Butterfly, Golden Nugget, Ivan-Is, Follow Me, Asian Diamond.

5.30 p.m. Race 10 WINDSOR HANDICAP (2nd Section), 1 1/2 Miles, Class 3.  
001 Prince Vallant (Ng) 150 lbs.  
103 Hellobi (Lokoff) 147 lbs.  
000 di Lak (Lokoff) 147 lbs.  
004 Keipie (Rodney) 142 lbs.  
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Possible Acceptors: Sincerely Yours, Butterfly, Golden Nugget, Ivan-Is, Follow Me, Asian Diamond.

### FIFTH RACE

Galway Handicap (First Section): From 1 1/2-Mile Post.  
Judging on past performances, Venus (K. Kwok), which is a speedy animal, should prove the best over this short distance. Opposition is likely to come from Appreciation (Alex Lam). Vendetta (K. Kwok) is another pony to watch, but it may disappoint again, whilst Eureka (T. H. Yau) is worth speculating upon as an outsider.

### SIXTH RACE

Stewards Cup: Six Furlongs.  
This is the main event of the afternoon and will be contested by Class 1 ponies.

A dispute of superiority will be settled between Red Light (K. Kwok) and Winsome Stag (H. K. Chung).

Judging from its trampling gallop on December 27, when it completed the six furlongs in 1.21.3—last quarter 20 seconds—Red Light is my choice and I think it should win with Winsome Stag as the main opposition.

Vingt Et Un (M. Samarc) should be placed and Permanent View (H. C. Ph) may be worth following as an outsider.

### SEVENTH RACE

Windsor Handicap (First Section): 1 1/2 Miles.  
It is hard to conceive of any pony capable of beating Edinburgh (S. H. Wong) to the finishing post unless it be Native Prince (H. K. Hung) which is in fine condition at the present moment.

Belinda (K. Kwok) has plenty of class and may offer some opposition.

Temptation (M. Samarc) could surprise if it gets off to a good start.

### EIGHTH RACE

Curragh Handicap: From 2-Mile Post.  
This race is confined to Class 5 ponies.

Among the entries I take a fancy to Encores (Robert Tait). The next best is Cordons Rouge (M. Samarc).

Three other ponies which should have some say are Never Forget (P. Y. T. Wei), Beautiful Flower (K. Kwok) and Huntington (Chun Kit).

### NINTH RACE

Galway Handicap (Second Section): From 1 1/2-Mile Post.  
This is about time Courier (K. Kwok) came into her own. In my estimation she has only American Carrot (Lai Chun Fai) to contend with and should have the better of the argument at the finishing line.

Good Condition (Horace Chan) may pleasantly surprise her connections with a belated win. An upset could come from Bonny Boy (H. K. Hung).

### TENTH RACE

Windsor Handicap (Second Section): 1 1/2 Miles.  
This is the final race of the first day and is confined to the Second Section of Class 3 ponies.

First choice for this would be Helicon, as besides being very fit it will have Robert Tait on its back. The combination will be hard to beat.

Second choice is Victoria Peak (Albert Lam) while Shintaghi (M. Samarc) is good enough to take third place.

As an outsider, Keipie (A. Ostroff) is worth following.

## Pancho Gonzales Helps U.S. Pair Win Davis Cup Doubles

Brisbane, Dec. 30.

Pancho Gonzales, American world professional lawn tennis champion, suggested the tactics which helped the United States to their doubles victory over Australia in the Davis Cup challenge round here today.

Afterwards he was publicly thanked by Perry Jones, non-playing captain of the American team, who told reporters that the tactics suggested by Gonzales probably clinched the United States win.

The Australians, Mal Anderson and Neale Fraser, were leading by two sets to one when the United States pair, Ham Richardson and Alex Olmedo, adopted Gonzales' tactics.

During their service to Fraser, the Americans stood on the same side of the court and the Australian left-hander who had been slumping winners with his cross court shot was forced to hit down the sidelines.

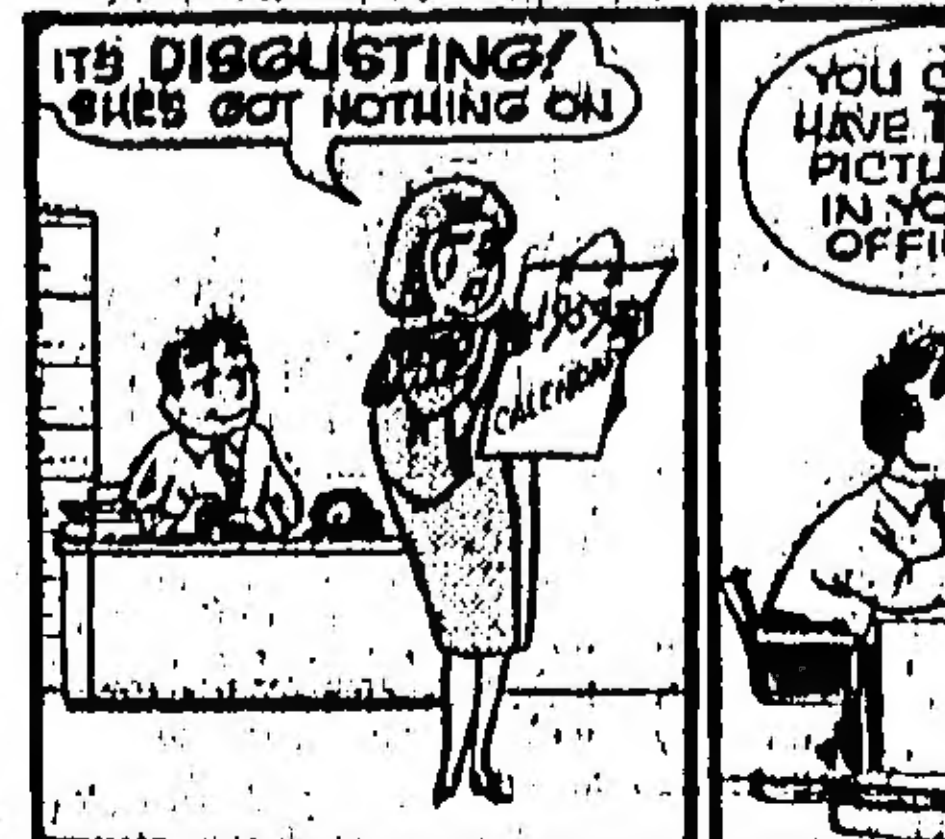
The Americans took the next two sets to win a marathon match 10-12, 3-6, 10-14, 6-3, 7-5.

Their victory gave them a 2-1 lead and they go into tomorrow's two singles, knowing that they need only one success to regain the Cup.

### Badly Shaken

Mal Anderson beaten in his opening singles against Olmedo as well as in today's doubles, was reported to be "badly shaken and nervous." He faces big hitting Perry McIntyre in tomorrow's second singles—the match which could be the decider.—Reuter.

## THE GAMBOL'S



Hong Kong, 27th December, 1959.







# SENSATIONAL START TO TEST

## Sports Diary

### TOMORROW

**Racing**  
First Day of Sixth Race Meeting.  
Happy Valley, Noon.  
Triangular Tournament: HKCC v  
HAF-RA, Chater Road.  
**Horse Walking**  
Hongkong Race Walking Association.  
10 Kilometres Road Race.  
**SPORTS DAY**  
Kowloon Cricket Club, Children's  
Sports, 2 p.m.

### SATURDAY

**Cricket**  
1st Division: Army "South" v  
Olympia v HAF, Navy Dockyard v  
Rectory, HAF v Nanyang, Army  
North v KCC.  
2nd Division: Army "South" v  
HAF, HAF v Nanyang, Rectory v  
Navy Dockyard, KCC v HAF, KCC v  
Army "North", Phoenix Ashes v  
Police.

### Rugby

1st Division: Kwong Wah v Police  
(11.15), CAA v HAF, HAF v Navy  
Dockyard, HAF v Rectory, HAF v  
Nanyang, HAF v Phoenix Ashes, HAF  
v Police.  
2nd Division: Kwong Wah v Police  
(1.30), HAF v Navy Dockyard, HAF  
v Rectory, HAF v Nanyang, HAF  
v Phoenix Ashes, HAF v Police.  
3rd Division: HAF v Navy Dockyard  
(1.30), HAF v Rectory, HAF v Nanyang,  
HAF v Phoenix Ashes, HAF v Police.  
4th Division: HAF v Navy Dockyard  
(1.30), HAF v Rectory, HAF v Nanyang,  
HAF v Phoenix Ashes, HAF v Police.

### Hockey

1st Division: Kwong Wah v Police  
(1.30), HAF v Navy Dockyard, HAF  
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v Phoenix Ashes, HAF v Police.

## Europe's Sportsman Of Year

Warsaw, Dec. 30.  
Zdzislaw Krzyszkowiak, Poland's European 5,000 and 10,000 metres champion, was named Europe's top sportsman of the year here today.

The Polish runner was nominated in a poll conducted by the Polish News Agency PAP among 12 of the leading News Agencies in Europe.

He scored 87 points against 82 by Ian Black, the British swimmer who took three gold medals at the European swimming championships. Toni Sailer, Austria's world champion skier, was third with 49 points.

Other placeings in the first six were:  
1. Jelinda Balas (Hungary), women's world high jump champion, 47 pts.  
5. Vasily Kuznetsov (USSR), European decathlon champion, 43 pts.  
6. Roger Riviere (France), cycling, 40 points. Reuter.

## England Lose First Three Wickets For Only Seven Runs

### MAY AND BAILEY TAKE SCORE TO 55 FOR THREE AT LUNCH

Melbourne, Dec. 31.

The second Test match went off to a sensational start here today as, with the score at seven, Alan Davidson claimed three valuable England wickets in his second over without conceding a run.

But Trevor Bailey, tried as an opener, and his captain, Peter May — leading England for the 27th time and celebrating his 29th birthday — checked the threatened collapse with careful play and at the luncheon adjournment had brought England's score to 55 without further loss, with Bailey 29 and May 22.

Davidson's victims this morning were Peter Richardson, caught behind the wicket by Wally Grob, for three. Willie Watson, struck by an incoming ball, was out before he had scored, and Tom Graveney, out leg before for a duck to Davidson's next ball.

Davidson at the end of this over had figures of 2-1-4-3. He bowled splendidly, unchanged for 40 minutes before giving way to Richie Benaud. After sending England's 50 up in 85 minutes, May had a "life" to Benaud's very first ball of the day, the Australian captain dropping a return a foot off the ground. Benaud got both hands to the ball but failed to hold it. May promptly celebrated his escape with a two off the next delivery.

### One Change

Each side showed one change from the first Test, won by Australia in Brisbane.

Bobby Simpson replaced Peter Burge in Australia's team, and Willie Watson came into the England team in place of injured Arthur Milton.

The pitch showed traces of green on a lightish brown surface when Richardson and Bailey opened the innings.

"Barnacle" Bailey was opening for the first time on the tour, but he was resuming a partnership with Richardson which proved fairly successful.

In the Tests in South Africa two years ago. The openers took four off Davidson's first over, with Bailey gaining applause as he singled off the first ball he received. Meekiff started with a wide and bowled a couple of others wide of the offstump, but Bailey sent his last ball away for two.

### Disaster

Then disaster struck — Richardson snickered Davidson's first ball of his second over and Grob snapped up the catch for England to be one down for only seven, of which the batsman had made 3.

Three balls later Davidson struck another great blow for Australia — striking Willie Watson with no addition to the score.

Watson played over the delivery and had his wickets shattered.

Further disaster befell England as Tom Graveney was out leg-before to the first ball from Davidson, a well pitched up delivery (7-3).

Davidson's figures at this stage were three wickets for four runs in two overs.

Peter May, whose birthday it is today, stopped the threatened hat-trick and then opened his account with a four off Meekiff, who was still erratic, bowling most of the time wide of the offstump.

## New Year's Day Softball Match

On New Year's day, an exhibition softball match between the Old Crocks and a combined ladies' softball team will be played off at King's Park at 3 p.m.

The following have been chosen to represent the two teams:

### OLD CROCKS

Bill Silva (manager), Bill Woo, Fred Dista, Ed Carvalho, F. J. "Doc" Moithen, S. H. Hamel, D. S. Ling, Harold Windsor, Lee Choo-hong, Bro Edward, George Pong, Mark Kwong, Tony Silva, Binbi Ah-long, Bob Law, Leslie Castro and Cesar Coelho.

### COMBINED LADIES

(South China) — L. S. Yim, Margaret Lam, L. Y. Kwok, Helen Lung, Olive Yuen, C. Y. Lam, (Hutchinsons) — Cecilia Cheong, Henrietta Quorio, Pat Ewins, Frances da Silva, Carmen Mattos, (HKU) — Ruby Liang, Vivian Ho, Anna Wu, Winde Lam, (Materdors) — Annabelle Chan, Margaret, Paul, Dorothy Lau, (Towers) — Theresa Kwan, Ann Tin, Peggy Wong, Virginia Young and Catherine Leung.

The ladies are requested to report to Messrs Onufre Souza and A. G. Ismail at 2.30 p.m.

## Chris Chataway Engaged

London, Dec. 30.

Chris Chataway, former British Olympic runner and television personality, has become engaged to Miss Anna Lett, a television producer.

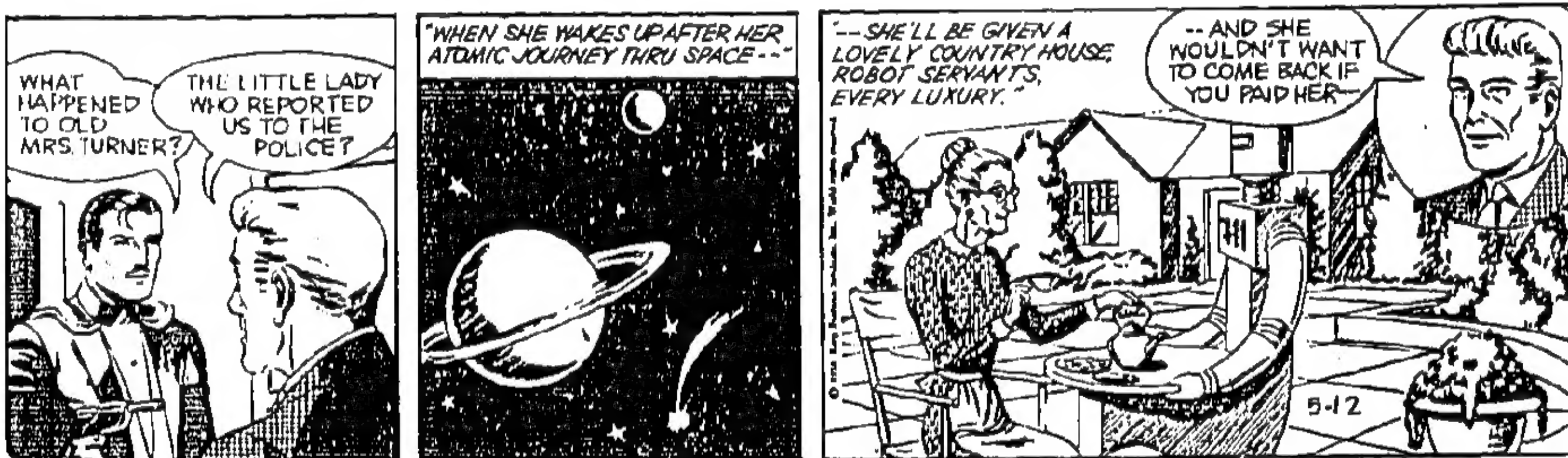
They met while working in the same programme two years ago.

Chris Chataway, who retired from international athletics two years ago, began his television career as a newscaster in commercial television and later joined the British Broadcasting Corporation.

His fiancée is the daughter of an Italian film producer — China Mail Special.

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## WEST INDIES FAVOURED TO BEAT INDIA IN THIRD TEST

Calcutta, Dec. 30.

West Indies, one up in the series, are favourites to beat India in the third Test which opens here tomorrow.

If Alexander wins the toss, as he has done in the first two Tests, India may have to contend with a turning wicket in their second innings on the fourth or fifth day.

West Indies have looked a much stronger all-round side. India's batting has appeared formidable on paper though it has proved suspect, and the attack is limited to four recognised bowlers — medium pacemen D. G. Phadkar and Surinder Nath and spin bowlers Ghulam Ahmed and S. P. Gupta.

J. Ghorade will replace Gopinath in the Indian team. The West Indies team shows two changes from the team which won the second test at Kanpur. Roy, Ghorade and Sonny Ramadhin replace Jawahar Taylor and Lance Gibbs.

### The Teams

The teams are: India, Ghulam Ahmed (Captain), N. S. Tamhan, D. G.

## ENGLAND TRIES NEW OPENING PAIR FOR TEST

Melbourne, Dec. 30.

Desperately seeking an answer to loss of batting form after the failures in the first Test in Brisbane, England, one down in the series, will try a new opening pair in the second Test against Australia beginning here tomorrow.

Trevor Bailey, the Essex all-rounder whose dour, defensive batting has so often propped up an innings, will partner Peter Richardson.

England's team is: Peter May (captain), Colin Cowdrey, Trevor Bailey, Geoffrey Evans, Jim Laker, Willie Watson, Tom Graveney, Peter Richardson, Tony Lock, Brian Statham and Peter Loader. Twelfth man: Ted Dexter.

This is a vital match for Richardson. Having made only 10 in the first Test, which England lost by eight wickets, and only five in the last match against South Australia, the Worcestershire left hander appeared in danger of losing the opening berth which he has held so long.

### Bailey's Role

With Bailey as partner, he will be primarily responsible for getting runs on the board. In view of May's recent call for a more positive approach, "Barnacle" Bailey will probably be instructed to give the strike

as often as possible to stroke makers at the other end.

The omission of Freddie Trueman, who has been bowling well recently, surprised some critics, but the selectors could hardly be expected to discard either Peter Loader or Brian Statham after their wholehearted bowling at Brisbane.

If a place had to be found for Trueman, it would have meant either weakening the batting or unbalancing the attack by dropping a spinner.

### Batting Wicket

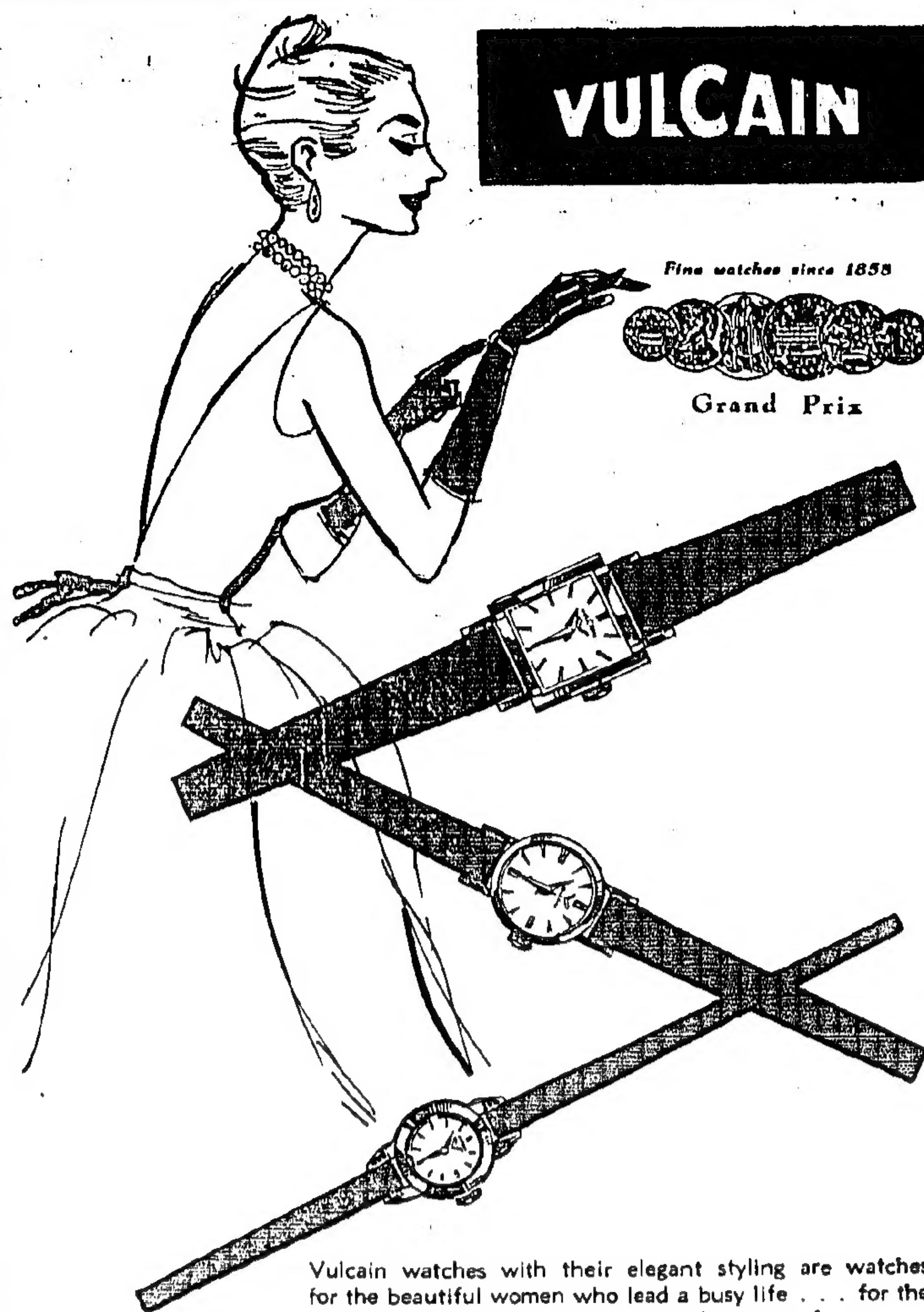
In spite of recent disappointments, England still have the potential in all departments of the game and a return to form by the key men should bring victory.

According to Ian Johnson, former Australian captain and now secretary of the Melbourne Cricket Club, "It's a beautiful batting wicket". It is generally expected that after some early life for the pace bowlers, the pitch will become easy, though not slow enough to hinder stroke making. —China Mail Special.

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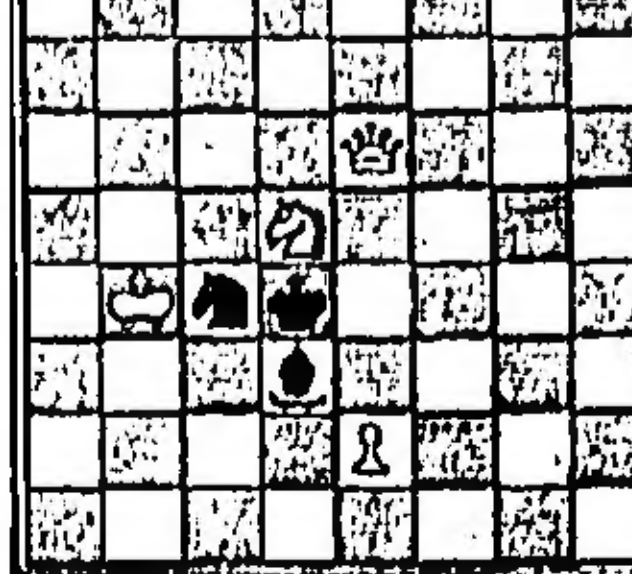
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## He Risks Death To See Mars

At a little-used airfield on the outskirts of Paris a slightly-built Frenchman is waiting to attempt one of the most daring scientific experiments of the century—an experiment in which the slightest slip means death in any one of a dozen forms.

The experimenter, Audouin Dollfus, 30-year-old international astronomer, will ascend by balloon to 30,000 feet to make observations which he hopes will prove once and for all whether life can exist on Mars.

The project, kept a close secret until now, has started astronomers throughout the world with its audacity. For Dollfus, if he succeeds, will have foregone instrument-carrying earth satellites in one of the first risks which had been planned for him.

From inside his tiny metal sphere—its interior diameter is less than six feet—he hopes to examine Mars both with a specially-constructed telescope and with a new type of spectroscopic to establish whether there is enough water on the planet to support life.

If there is water, he will also try to determine whether it flows along the famous canyons which have been one of the greatest astronomical controversies since their discovery nearly 100 years ago.

In the cold, clear air 30,000 feet above the earth's surface Dollfus will be well above the clouds and dust which obscure observations of the planet.

### Veteran

Indeed, ballooning and its sister points are almost as familiar to him as the rings of Saturn or the swirling gas clouds of Jupiter.

For his father, Dr. Charles Dollfus, is a pioneer aviator and one of the best-known balloonists in Europe.

A veteran of nearly 400 flights, Dollfus senior, who is the director of the Paris Aerodrome, still flies throughout Europe to make aerobics at charity fairs and air shows.

In 1934 father and son made a balloon ascent to 22,500 feet above France to enable the young astronomer to study Mars.

Audouin Dollfus returned from the flight with some remarkable observations. His experiments at that altitude suggested that there was 100 times as much water on the red planet as had been estimated from ground observations.

But the 1934 ascent was not conclusive enough to convince the young scientist. He had to get higher yet to establish his facts.

So in the living-room of their modest Paris apartment the aviator father and his astronomer son settled down to plan a new balloon.

But what has emerged after four years' work is not one but 98 balloons.

**String**  
The balloons each about 10 feet across at sea level are strung in threes on a long nylon line.

And at the bottom of the line will be the tiny metal gondola constructed of aluminum and magnesium for lightness and covered in white latex sponge for insulation against the bitter cold of the extreme altitudes.

When he wants to descend he will be able to sever the balloons, one by one, from the branches that will stream above him into the star-filled sky, until he starts to drift slowly earthwards.

In the gondola with young Dollfus will be a tiny radio transmitter with which he will keep in touch with his father 15 miles below.

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## PEOPLE in the news

### Kay And Rex Lose Savings

"I FEEL  
IT'S ALL  
MY FAULT,"  
—SOBS KAY

A CTRESS Kay Kendall, wife of actor Rex Harrison, sat in her dressing-room at the Winter Garden Theatre and said: "Rex and I have lost all our savings—everything."

With tears in her eyes she added: "The awful thing is that I feel it has all been my fault. I feel terrible."

Miss Kendall was talking about the closing after only 12 performances of the play in which she and Gladys Cooper were starring, "The Bright One."

Mr. Harrison, who is now appearing in "My Fair Lady," was the play's director.

Said Miss Kendall: "Rex and I put all our savings into this play. We had a half-interest in the production."

**A Disaster**  
"This financial disaster—and that is what it is to people in our position—was my fault because it was I who discovered the play and persuaded Rex to put up the money and direct it."

The usually vivacious red-headed Kay looked pale and dispirited as she talked to me about the abrupt end of her first West End starring role.

She took occasional sips of mineral water and as she spoke played absent-mindedly with her two Chinese pug dogs, Higgins (named after Professor Higgins, the part her husband plays in "My Fair Lady"), and Woolsey, "after the Lord Chancellor" (Lord Kilmuir, the Lord Chancellor, is Mr. Harrison's brother-in-law).

Although it was not well reviewed, the decision to close the play surprised everyone connected with it.

**"It's Rotten"**  
"It was the sole decision of the producer, Mr. Jack Miner," said Miss Kendall. "He has given no reason and no one can understand it as everything was going well, with bookings picking up."

Although it is terribly disappointing for me to lose this part, I feel much more sorry for the stagehands and people like that. It is awful for them to be thrown out of work like this. It's absolutely rotten."

"As an actress, I accept the fact that you can't succeed all the time, and you must have one or two failures. That's show business."



### • BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THE grizzled father of a second day of the first Test match. (Sunday paper.)

**A simple answer**  
A MAN whose nerves were affected by the perpetual noise of an airfield near which he lived made a complaint. He was told: "If you want more and more planes, you must endure the noise." "But, you see," said the man patiently, "I don't."

**Saying of the year**  
ANY clergyman in England who happens, while throwing together a sermon, to be looking for examples of the importance of refusing to despair, might do worse than draw the attention of his congregation to England's performance on the

Oh, that I knew where I might find him!—Job 23:3. He is nearer than hands or feet. Listen and you may even hear His voice.

Press-Radio Bible Service, The Cincinnati, Ohio.

### AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER By H. King Wood

## £1 MILLION NEWSPAPER TAKE-OVER

For several weeks moves have been made for a takeover of the Sydney Daily Mirror, Sunday Mirror, and the national Sunday Truth in all States, by John Fairfax and Sons, owners of the Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney Sun, the Sunday Sun-Herald and a host of other papers and periodicals.

The deal ended this week when it was announced that the majority shares in Truth and Sportsman held by that fiery newspaper proprietor, Ezra Norton, had been sold.

They were taken over by a new subsidiary company of John Fairfax & Sons, who have announced that the papers will continue to be published under an independent authority.

No money has been mentioned in the deal but it is understood that not much short of £1 million is involved.

This makes the Fairfax group one of the most powerful newspaper owners in Australia and leaves only the Daily Telegraph and Sunday Telegraph as independent newspapers in Sydney.

There was considerable surprise in 1956 when Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes was sacked from portfolio of Minister for Interior by the Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies.

Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes, chairman of the successful Melbourne Olympic Games, an outstanding former Minister of the Victorian Government and a soldier with more than an ordinary record, has always been recognised as having an outstanding brain and a man well fitted for any Ministry.

For the last two years he has maintained strict silence regarding his sacking, but following the disappointment of the Cabinet of another Minister for the interior, Mr. Fairbairn, he has now publicly blamed "intriguing public servants" in Canberra for his dismissal.

Reading between the lines of his statement, it is easy to visualise the great old battle that must have gone on for some time between top public servants who had their home and social orbit in Canberra and a determined Minister who wanted to make Canberra a real capital and not a "bush town."

Such is the power of public servants these days, however, that Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughes and his outstanding ability now languish on the backbenches.

Two retired sawyers, one aged 78 and the other 74, have had to be engaged to cut up a huge 1,800-year-old cedar tree felled recently on the North Coast.

The tree is far too large for modern machinery to cut up, and it is necessary to use an old-time manual pit-saw, 10 feet

long, and sawyers who know the art of operating it.

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It contained 16,000 super feet of timber, compared with 3,000 super feet in a relatively large cedar tree.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1958.

**SHEAFFER'S**  
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## Fraternal Visit By Cruiser's Captain

Capt. F. R. Twiss of the cruiser HMS "Ceylon", paid a formal visit to the ship's affiliated regiment, the First Battalion the Green Howards at Stanley Fort this morning.

It is the cruiser's first visit to Hongkong. After inspecting a ceremonial guard, Capt Twiss visited the officers' mess with his host, Lt Col. W. K. Pryke. Later they had lunch.

## Boy Killed, Man Hurt In Road Mishaps

A six-year-old Chinese boy was killed and a cyclist was injured in two traffic accidents on Hongkong Island yesterday.

The boy, Lee Chai yan, of 45 Lee Garden Road, ground flat, was knocked down and fatally injured by a private car near his home. He was taken to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment but was found dead upon his arrival.

A 28-year-old man, Wong Che-ko of 356 "J" Block, Le Cheng Uk Resettlement Area was injured when his bicycle collided with a lamp post in Island Road near Chai Wan. He was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.



Captain Twiss inspects a Ceremonial Quarter Guard turned by the battalion's "A" Company under the command of Sgt R. F. Gash.—China Mail Photo

## INDECENT FILM: MAN GAOLED

Wong Ming, 20, was sentenced to three months by Mr J. M. S. Donnell at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for showing indecent films. Wong, who had a previous conviction for a similar offence, was caught in a house at Jordan Road yesterday. Four rolls of film seized in the raid were ordered to be confiscated.

## Magistrate Rebukes Pickpocket: Man Gets 18 Months

"The offence of picking pockets has been known almost as long as human beings have worn clothes and possessed pockets and I feel I must punish with severity this impudent theft which was committed in broad daylight and in a thickly populated district," said Mr I. T. Morris at Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr Morris was giving judgment in which 42-year-old unemployed Ng Shing was charged with theft.

Sentencing Ng to 18 months' gaol, Mr Morris commented that "offenders of this type are a real menace to the community and exemplary punishment must follow this conviction." Insp. J. A. Dempsey told the Court that on December 24 detective Chow Tong noticed Ng following a Chinese woman in Yee Woo Street. Later he saw Ng put his hand into the woman's overcoat pocket and take out a purse containing \$4.05. The detective arrested Ng.

### Commended

Insp. Dempsey told the Court that Ng had 14 previous convictions, two of them of a similar nature. In his judgment, Mr Morris said that he placed on record the action of the detective as deserving of the highest commendation and "I trust that his part in this investigation will be brought to the notice of his superiors."

## SIXTH CRUISE TO ORIENT

Mrs James Scott, a widow from San Diego, California, making her sixth cruise to the Orient, arrived this morning on board the President Cleveland.

This is the fifth Christmas cruise the President Cleveland has made to the Far East, and Mrs Scott has travelled on them all. She has also made another cruise on the Cleveland.

Mrs Scott, who lived in Cuba for seven years before the war, said she was very fond of travelling and liked to spend her Christmases abroad as she had no family in America.

She said that the cruises to the Far East brought back many memories of the Far East which she knew before the last war.

A spokesman of the American President Lines said passengers were given a deduction in fare for a complete round-trip on the Christmas cruise.

Over Christmas, special entertainment and festivities were provided.

## Father Was In China Before 1914

Countess Maria Monika Frischma, Secretary of the Embassy of Germany in Tokyo, arrived this morning from Japan on the President Cleveland.

The vessel is making a round-trip holiday cruise.

Countess Frischma, daughter of the late Count Carl Frischma of Silesia, East Germany, joined the Embassy in June 1957. She said her father had been in China for 12 years before the first World War, and was a military instructor in Nanking for some years.

## New Post For American

Lt-Commander Harry R. Lubbe arrived from the United States in the President Cleveland this morning en route to Bangkok to take a new post as Supplier in the U.S. Navy Joint Military Assistance Advisory Group in Thailand.

He was accompanied by his wife and three children. Mr O. J. Nogaard, Managing Director of American President Lines in Japan arrived with his wife and son on holiday.

## Missile Explodes

Cape Canaveral, Dec. 30. A Florida intermediate range ballistic missile fired by the American Navy here today was blown up a few minutes after launching when it went off course.

This was the third consecutive time that a Polaris missile has had to be destroyed after launching.

This missile is designed to be carried on submarines and other vessels.—Reuter.

## LINER BEGINS LAST TRIP TO HK SCRAPYARD

Southampton, Dec. 30. The 37-year-old Union Castle liner Arundel Castle (19,206 tons) which made 211 voyages to Africa and has steamed nearly 3,000,000 miles in its life left Southampton today for Hongkong to be broken up.

She was sold for £240,000. Ships in port sounded farewell blasts as the liner left with a skeleton crew of 70.

The liner's successor is Pendennis Castle, due to sail on her maiden voyage to South Africa on New Year's Day.—Reuter.

From the Files

**25 years AGO**

MR Wu Chao-chu, one of China's best known diplomats and a most distinguished Kuomintang politician died suddenly at his Hongkong residence at 3 Hing Hon Road, yesterday. Mr C. C. Wu was a Hongkong boy, son of the veteran statesman Wu Ting-fang. Entering the Chinese diplomatic service his distinguished career reached its peak when he became Chinese minister to Washington.

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SUMMONED before Mr Bullford in the Central Police Court for allowing her dog to be abroad without a muzzle, Mrs S. Perry, of The Peak, pleaded guilty, but added that it was deliberate negligence on the part of her coolie, whom she discharged the day after the offence.

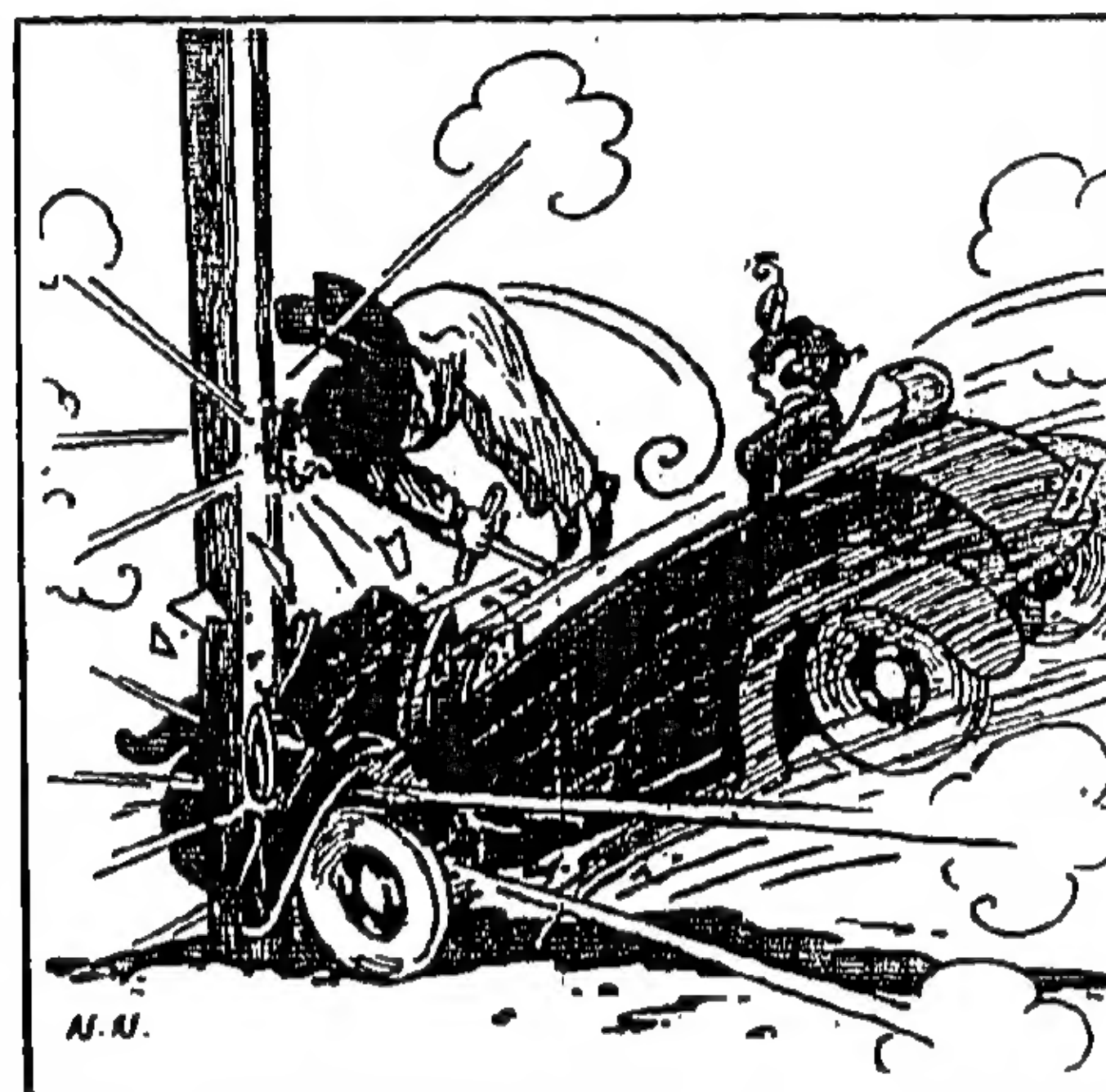
"The coolie has been with us for a year," said Mrs. Perry. "And he has been told every day of his life to put the muzzle on the dog. In these cases can't anything be done to punish the coolie?"

His Worship imposed the usual fine of \$8. A similar fine was meted out to Mr R. R. Davies, of 500 The Peak, Mr G. P. B. Fitzgerald of 357 The Peak and Mr A. Friswell of 32, The Peak, for like offences.

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From a leading article in the SCM Post: "The Hongkong Traffic Department is making a further effort to increase the general safety by marking plainly on the roadways a warning to drivers to proceed slowly at points where danger exists. The idea is a good one and deserves to succeed rather better than it probably will do. Motorists become familiar with these warnings in time and forget or ignore them, while there is an indefatigable conspiracy on the part of the elements, the dust and wear and tear, to obliterate all road marks as soon as they have been made. With general co-operation, however, the experiment should prove worth while, though results be invisible, since people who escape accident leave no evidence."

## This Funny World



"George! I wish you wouldn't do that!"

## INDECENT ASSAULT: BOY BOUND OVER

Pleading guilty to charge of indecently assaulting two girls, a 18-year-old boy was ordered to be bound over in \$250 for two years by Mr P. F. X. Leonard in the Juvenile Court at Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The boy's father was ordered to stand in surety for him.

The Prosecution said that the boy after assaulting two girls aged three and six years earlier this month, ran away from his house.

He returned with his elder sister on Christmas Day to surrender himself.

## Cold And Rainy New Year

A break in the dry weather of the past five days is expected to hit the Colony tomorrow, according to a statement made by the Royal Observatory this morning:

"A cold surge which this morning was lying across Central China to the S of Shanghai is moving SW and is expected to pass through Hongkong early tomorrow.

"This will bring cloudy conditions with patches of light rain and a fall in temperature."

## Armed Robbery

A man armed with a dagger robbed a woman pedestrian of a wrist watch, valued at \$60, in a path leading from Lok Shan Road to Homantin Village yesterday.

Earlier in the afternoon, a man was arrested for attempting to steal a fountain pen from a Police Inspector in plain clothes near the Dairy Farm in Nathan Road.

Another man has been detained by the Police following the theft of a jacket valued at \$25 from a private car, parked in Wardley Street.

## Tourists Arrive

A group of tourists, mostly teachers and United States Government personnel, arrived from Japan in the President Cleveland this morning.

A tour around the island has been arranged for the tourists tomorrow.

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As another year rolls by, we wish our many friends and their loved ones a joyous and prosperous New Year with a big thank you for all your favours and patronage.

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